

Diversity, Respect, and Inclusion are Vital for Excellence (DRIVE) in Research Pipeline Undergraduate Research Experience – Summer 2022

SUMMARY

The MCHRI DRIVE (Diversity, Respect, and Inclusion are Vital for Excellence) in Research Pipeline Award is intended to improve the diversity of the research workforce underrepresented in maternal and child health-related research while supporting mentorship and training. Diversity in research is a key component of innovation. It enhances the creative process by bringing to the table new concepts and points of view and contributes to a culture of transformative scholarship.

The DRIVE in Research Pipeline Award is aimed at maintaining the pipeline of diverse students interested in biomedical research careers. This award provides a *stipend* to underrepresented minorities (URM) and first-generation and/or low income (FLI) Stanford undergraduate students in the summer following their sophomore year to work with established investigators with either extramural funding or *substantial* MCHRI funding on maternal and child health related research projects.

ELIGIBILITY

- Student applicants must be Stanford URM/FLI undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in their sophomore year and interested in biomedical research.
- We follow the University's definition of the URM category which includes all individuals who have self-identified as American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.
- The FLI category includes students who grew up in working-class or low-income communities, and students who are first in their family to attend college.

The following are *not* eligible:

- Stanford freshman, juniors, or seniors.
- Undergraduate students on leave of absence during summer quarter AY2021-22.

STUDENT APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- Student applicants will choose up to 3 projects from the project [database](#). Choose projects that fit in with your scholarly interest or future goals.

- Student Applicants: Please submit online application at the link [here](#).
- Student applications are reviewed by faculty mentors.
- Students will be interviewed by faculty as part of the selection process.
- Only one project will be assigned upon match with the faculty investigator.
- MCHRI will notify student and faculty mentors of the match.
- Student accepts match.

AWARD AMOUNT

Awarded students will receive a stipend up to \$7,500, including a \$2,500 student housing supplement, for 8-10 weeks over the summer, for a minimum of 320 hours and maximum of 400 hours. The stipend will be prorated if less than 400 hours. Students may be eligible for an additional needs-based supplement of up to \$1,500.

The stipend will be paid in advance on a good-faith estimate of total hours worked as agreed upon between the student and the faculty investigator.

AWARDEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The student must meet with their mentor weekly in addition to the following:

- Work a minimum of 320 hours between June 20, 2022 and August 26, 2022.
- Students with other commitments during the 8-10 week period must discuss this with their faculty mentor during the interview process.
- Adhere to university guidelines regarding the number of hours that paid interns can spend in class (up to 5 units of coursework).
- Attend weekly faculty talks and participate in student training workshops and events.
- Students are required to present their project in at the end of the internship.

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