***Research on Structural Racism, Social Injustice and Health Disparities Pilot Grants - Internal Stanford funding opportunity in Maternal Child Health ***

Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)
Research on Structural Racism, Social Injustice and Health Disparities in Maternal and Child Health Pilot Grants

The Stanford MCHRI is pleased to announce the Research on the Structural Racism, Social Injustice and Health Disparities in Maternal and Child Health Pilot Grants. Addressing the impact of structural racism and social injustice as key drivers in health disparities that affect maternal and child health are critical to advancing research. Engaging with community partners in research is a key component in promoting health equity. It enhances the creative process by bringing to the table new and relevant insights and contributes to a culture of health equity in all aspects of translational research in maternal and child health. This funding mechanism seeks to support researchers who understand the importance of these practices and provide support for transformative scholarship.

This pilot grant is aimed at supporting research that not only highlights an important maternal and child health disparity (e.g. racial and ethnic, socioeconomic and geographic, sexual orientation and gender identity) but also focuses on reasons or drivers of these disparities. The projects propose action-oriented strategies to promote equity and improve health outcomes in diverse communities through policy or programmatic changes and innovations.

Investigators are strongly encouraged to engage in partnerships with communities when possible.

Category I: Pilot Early Career ($35K)
Category II: Pilot Mid/Senior Investigators ($35K)

Amount of funding: $35,000 for one year

This award provides both PI salary and non-salary support for hypothesis-driven or hypothesis-seeking research that could lead to research that is externally fundable as a result of the proposed study. The study must be a pilot, concept, development, or feasibility proposal.

Complete application guidelines and review criteria here.

DEADLINE: Monday, April 11, 2022 @ 11:59 PM Pacific Time (PT) (*no late applications will be accepted*)

*Submit your proposals to the following link: ONLINE APPLICATION LINK, per the application instructions. You do not need to submit your applications via your RPM.

TIMELINE

Awards will be announced in June 2022. Award start date is July 1, 2022. The project proposed must be feasible to complete within 12 months.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- Applications welcome from faculty (CE, MCL, NTLR, NTLT, UTL) at the Instructor rank or above. *This mechanism is not intended for Clinical Scholars.*

- All applicants must have, or plan on, having a focus on maternal child[1] health research. Research must be primarily related to maternal child health. “Child” refers to the expectant mother, oocyte, zygote, embryo, fetus, infant, child and adolescent.
- All applicants and their mentors must be MCHRI Members.
- A *Primary Research Mentor* must be identified for instructors and assistant professors in all faculty lines.
- All applicants must continue to be appointed at the Instructor rank or above for the duration of the award, including any extensions.
- The following are not eligible:

    - Visiting scholars to Stanford
    - Senior Research Scientists, Research Associates/Assistants
    - Former recipients of MCHRI sponsored awards who have not complied with award/reporting requirements.
    - Mentor or applicants who have not cleared overdraft(s) in previous MCHRI awards prior to applying.

Eligibility summary

	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Assoc. Prof.	Professor
Early Career	•	•		
Mid/Senior Investigator			•	•

I. Pilot Early Career Investigators

Eligibility: Instructors and Assistant Professors only
The Pilot Early Career category provides both PI salary and non-salary support for hypothesis-driven or hypothesis-seeking research that could lead to research that is externally fundable as a result of the proposed study. This category is intended to help early-career applicants become independent researchers. The study must be a pilot, concept, development, or feasibility proposal. This mechanism is not intended for trainees.

II. Pilot for Mid/Senior Investigators

Eligibility: Associate Professors and Professors only
The Mid/Senior Investigators category provides non-PI-salary support for high-impact, high-risk projects proposed by mid to senior investigators. We encourage investigators to take their research in a new direction or apply a novel approach to address disparities or to partner with communities. The grant is intended to facilitate projects, which are highly innovative and, if successful, will facilitate novel directions in research that is fundable by external funding agencies. The study must be a pilot, concept, development, or feasibility proposal.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)

MCHRI is offering one pilot grant through a generous donation from the Gut It Out Foundation. The Gut It Out Foundation was founded by Major League Baseball player, Jake Diekman, and his wife, Amanda, to connect the IBD community and strengthen resources and quality of life for those living with IBD. The four impact areas are research, education, pediatrics, and support groups. The award in the amount of $35,000 is for research on the structural racism, social injustice, and health disparities within IBD in the maternal and child health community. Any

investigator at the rank of Instructor or above should apply. Application requirements are the same.

We advise all applicants to notify their division or finance managers prior to submitting their application.

Institutional representative: not applicable. These programs are internal Stanford funding opportunities. Please do not submit your proposal through your institutional official for approval. You may submit your proposal directly to MCHRI via their online application link. PI Waivers are not required.

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