

*\*\*Research on Community Engaged Research to Promote Health Equity (CERPHE) Pilot Grants -Internal Stanford funding opportunity in Maternal Child Health \*\**

## **Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)**

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*Previously known as Research on Structural Racism, Social Injustice, and Health Disparities in Maternal and Child Health Pilot Grants*

The Stanford MCHRI is pleased to announce the **Community Engaged Research to Promote Health Equity (CERPHE) Pilot Grants, formerly called the Structural Racism, Social Injustice, and Health Disparities in Maternal and Child Health Pilot Grants**. It is imperative to address the impact of structural racism and social injustice as key drivers in health disparities that affect maternal and child health. A community-engaged research (CEnR) approach in which researchers partner with community organizations, patients, public health agencies, advocates, policymakers, or other groups throughout the research process is an effective strategy to promote health equity. CEnR 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. Community-engaged research also facilitates more rapid dissemination of study findings to impact policies and practices. As such, this MCHRI funding mechanism seeks to support researchers who use or propose to use a community-engaged research approach to study and inform health equity.

This pilot grant is aimed at supporting community-engaged 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 are expected to propose action-oriented strategies to promote equity and improve health outcomes in diverse communities through policy or programmatic changes and innovations.

**Investigators are required to engage in partnerships with communities using a community-engaged research approach. Prior to submission (at least 6-8 weeks in advance), applicants are required to consult with the MCHRI Office of Community Engaged Research (OCEnR). See contact information below.**

#### **Category I a & b: Pilot Early Career and Mid/Senior Investigators (\$50K)**

**Amount of funding:** up to \$50,000 for up to 18 months

This award provides PI, staff, and community partner salary and non-salary support for hypothesis-driven or hypothesis-seeking pilot research that is expected to advance health equity and where pilot findings are likely to lead to external funding, with the ultimate goal to inform actions to advance health equity. The study must be a pilot, concept, development, or feasibility proposal.

#### **NEW! Category II: Pilot Trainee Grants for Postdoctoral and Clinical (MD) Fellows (\$5K for Non-Salary Support for Community-Engaged Research)**

**Amount of funding:** \$5000 for up to 18 months

This award provides non-salary support for hypothesis-driven or hypothesis-seeking pilot research that could lead to research that is externally fundable as a result of the proposed study and also inform actions to advance health equity. Applicants must demonstrate that they have a primary research mentor and funding for their salary/stipend for 75% minimum research effort (e.g., MCHRI postdoctoral support or MD fellow award, T32 or equivalent, or other funder). The study must be a pilot, concept, development, or feasibility proposal. The goal of this pilot grant is to have funding specific to CEnR to pay study participants, community partners, policy partners, etc.

**Complete application guidelines and review criteria [here](#).**

**DEADLINE: Monday, October 16, 2023 @ 11:59 PM Pacific Time (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.

### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ)

MCHRI is committed to advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in all aspects of our work supporting research, education, and resources in maternal and child health.

All applicants will be asked to provide a DEIJ statement in their application.

### TIMELINE

Awards will be announced in December 2023. Award start date is January 1, 2024. The project proposed must be feasible to complete within 18 months.

### Office of Community Engaged Research (OCEnR) Office Hours

MCHRI members and postdoctoral scholars who are planning to apply to this mechanism must sign up for office hours with the OCEnR. Reserve your 30-minute consultation by emailing Dongmei Tan, Community Engaged Research Manager: [dongmei@stanford.edu](mailto:dongmei@stanford.edu).

*Note: To allow enough time for OCEnR to review your consultation request, provide input and for researchers to fully incorporate them into the proposal, please schedule the consultation at least **6-8 weeks before the submission deadline**. We will not be able to accommodate requests that are less than 2 weeks before the deadline.*

### GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- Applications welcome from all faculty (instructors, CE, UML, NTLR, NTLT, UTL). Postdoctoral scholars and clinical fellows are eligible for the pilot trainee grants.
- All applicants must have, or plan on having, a focus on maternal child health research. Research must be primarily related to maternal child health. “Child” refers to the expectant mother, oocyte, zygote, embryo, fetus, infant, child or adolescent.
- All applicants must plan to engage in partnerships with communities using community-engaged research approach to promote health equity. Community partners need to be identified in the application. If they are not identified, please provide a clear plan for how you will engage and establish new community partners with an example of these groups.
- All applicants and their mentors must be [MCHRI Members](#).
- A *Primary Research Mentor* must be identified for postdoctoral scholars and clinical fellows, 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

	Postdoctoral Scholars/clinical fellows	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Assoc. Prof.	Professor
<i>Trainee</i>	•				

Early Career		•	•		
Mid/Senior Investigator				•	•

### Ia. 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.

### Ib. 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.

## II. Pilot Trainee Grants for Postdoctoral Scholars

**Eligibility: Postdoctoral Scholars and Clinical Fellows**

The Pilot Trainee category provides *non-salary* support for hypothesis-driven or hypothesis-seeking pilot research that could lead to research that is externally fundable as a result of the proposed study and also inform actions to advance health equity. Applicants must demonstrate that they have a primary research mentor and funding for their salary/stipend for 75% minimum research effort (e.g., MCHRI postdoctoral support or MD fellow award, T32 or equivalent, or other funder). The study must be a pilot, concept, development, or feasibility proposal.

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

### Questions? Contact:

MCHRI Administration  
[mchri\\_admin@stanford.edu](mailto:mchri_admin@stanford.edu) or 650-724-0279

*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.*