***Harman Scholars Program -Internal Stanford funding opportunity in Maternal and Child Health*

Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute
Harman Scholars Program

The Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI) Harman Scholars Endowments aim to support faculty with established research programs dedicated to maternal and child health research.

AWARD

MCHRI Harman Scholar Awards provide funding for mid-career Stanford faculty (Associate Professor) with University Medical Line (UML) appointments in clinical departments.

Award Details:

- $100,000 per year, for *up to* 3 years.
- The funds should be used primarily to support the PI's salary and benefits, and secondarily to support research expenses.

KEY DATES

Letter of Intent (LOI)

- **Deadline: Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 11:59 PM PT** *(No late applications will be accepted)*

- **Submission:** Submit a single PDF including your LOI, biosketch, and other support (active, pending, and prior funding) via this ONLINE APPLICATION LINK, per the application instructions. Please also include start-up funds and any philanthropic support, and address any overlap in funding. **NEW:** Please provide summary statements for any pending external grants related to the Faculty Scholar application project.

Important Note for Harman Scholar Applicants:
UML applicants may only apply for **either** the Harman Scholar Award or the Faculty Scholar Award, not both. Applications submitted to both mechanisms may not be accepted.

Applicants will be notified about the results of the LOI review by mid-April 2026. Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Harman Scholar Award, applicants must:

- Hold an MD or its equivalent degree.
- Hold an appointment as UML faculty (Associate Professor) in clinical departments.
- Have their primary site of clinical/academic activity at the SMCH.
- Be a member of MCHRI. Apply for membership here.
- Have a demonstrated track record of ***the majority*** of research focused uniquely on maternal or child health.
- Not have previously received or currently hold a Stanford-owned Faculty Scholar Award, MCHRI Harman Scholar Award, or MCHRI Faculty Scholar Award.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated based on the following:

- **Career Development:** Priority given to individuals at a critical juncture in their academic career where the Harman Scholar Award can help secure or bridge extramural funding.
- **Maternal and Child Health Impact:** Demonstrated significance of the applicant's research on maternal and child health.
- **Translational Potential:** Potential for translating research findings into clinical or population health impact.
- **Funding Track Record:** Evidence of securing extramural funding, including:
    - Current funding and progress on grants (e.g. R21, R01 or equivalent (DP2) under development or review.
    - Note: The MCHRI award duration and amount may be adjusted based on the PI's current funding status.

FULL PROPOSAL (By Invitation Only)

- **Deadline: Monday, June 1, 2026 @ 11:59 PM PT** *(No late applications will be accepted)*

- **Notification of Awards:** July 2026.

- **Award Start Date:** September 1, 2026.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

If invited to submit a full proposal, a letter of nomination must be submitted by the Chair (or Division Chief***) of the applicant's primary department. The letter must:

- Confirm the applicant's eligibility.
- Enumerate the nominee's *current* effort committed to clinical, education, research, and administrative responsibilities, and how this will change with the MCHRI Harman Scholar Award.
- Explicitly address how this award will contribute to the applicant's career development and advancement. The letter should describe how the proposed project and funding will enable the applicant to reach the next stage of their academic career.
- Provide attestation that the department will fund the capital facilities fund (CFF) obligation. ***Note:*** *If the financial home differs from the department, a separate attestation is required from the financial home assuming the CFF obligation.*

****If the Chair serves on the Faculty & Harman Scholar Adjudication Committee (MCHRI Executive Committee), the nomination letter must be submitted by the applicant's Division Chief.*

Questions?
Please submit your inquiry here.

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.