

## **Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI) Master's Tuition Program**

The MCHRI Master's Tuition Program (MTP) is designed to support those planning to pursue a career as a physician scientist, spending the majority of their time doing *NIH funded basic or clinical research* related to maternal and child<sup>1</sup> health (MCH). The MCHRI project may serve as the master's thesis project.

### **Eligible MS Programs**

Applicants are expected to pursue a MS degree in areas that align with the intent of the funding mechanism, such as health research policy, clinical research, epidemiology, or similar areas in support of the intent of the funding mechanism. Approved MS programs include:

- MS program in [Epidemiology and Clinical Research](#)
- MS program in [Health Policy](#)
- MS program in [Community Health & Prevention Research \(CHPR\)](#)
- MS program in [Education Data Science](#)
- MS program in [Translational Research and Applied Medicine \(M-TRAM\)](#)
- MS program in [Symbolic Systems](#)

Other MS programs, on or off Stanford campus, that meet the intent of the MTP program may be considered.

### **Programs not eligible:**

- MS program in Business Administration (MBA)
- MA program in Education
- MA in Public Policy
- Other MS programs not directly related to the development or career of a physician scientist

*Note: All projects must be significantly related to the health of expectant mothers and/or children.*

### **Application Process**

- Complete application and guidelines [here](#).
- **DEADLINE: Monday, March 9, 2026 @ 11:59 PM PT** (*no late applications will be accepted*)
- Applicants must apply directly for admission to the MS degree program prior to and independent of the MCHRI application for tuition support.
- Acceptance into an MS program does not guarantee MCHRI funding. Applicants will be interviewed and selected by the MCHRI Executive Committee.

**T32 Fellowship Applicants:** Fellows applying to the NIH T32 Subspecialty Global Health Fellowship *must* apply to an approved master's program and interview with the MCHRI Executive Committee. *All Global Health T32 applicants must submit an MTP application. Applicants who already hold a relevant master's degree should discuss options with the T32 program directors in advance.*

\*Submit your proposals [here](#) per the application instructions. You do not need to submit your applications via your Research Process Manager (RPM).

### **TIMELINE**

- Awards Announced: Mid-April 2026
- Earliest Start Date: September 1, 2026
- Award Duration: Maximum two years and *no longer than mutually determined necessary to complete the degree (e.g., the M-TRAM Program is one year in duration).*

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<sup>1</sup> "Children" or "Child" refers to expectant mothers, oocyte, zygote, embryo, fetus, infant, child, and/or adolescent.

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a Physician Fellow, Instructor, or Assistant Professor in Pediatrics or a subspecialty primarily focused on maternal and child health (e.g., maternal fetal medicine, pediatric neurology, surgery, radiology, or other disciplines). *The MTP award recipient's home department confirms that the candidate will have a training or faculty appointment for the duration of the MTP program.*
- Applicant must have sufficient protected time to complete the MS degree and research program in a maximum of two-years.
- All applicants must have or plan to have a focus on maternal child health research or wish to expand their interest in maternal child health research.
- All applicants must have legal residence in the United States (Applicants with H or J visas are eligible)
  - Visiting Scholars are **NOT** eligible

## AWARD

Total Award: Up to \$70,000 for two years (\$35,000 per year)

### Questions? Contact:

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