

**\*\* DRIVE in Research Pathway Award – Internal Stanford funding opportunity in Maternal Child Health \*\***



**Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute DRIVE in Research  
Pathway Award  
Undergraduate Research Experience - Summer 2025**

**DEADLINE**

Student application submission: **January 21, 2025 at 11:59PM PT**

The Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute is pleased to announce the DRIVE (Diversity, Respect, and Inclusion are Vital for Excellence) in Research Pathway Award. This program is intended to improve the diversity of the research workforce underrepresented in maternal and child health-related research while supporting mentorship and training.

MCHRI is committed to advancing [diversity, equity, inclusion and justice](#) (DEIJ) in all aspects of our work supporting research, education and resources in maternal and child health. 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 Pathway 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 currently enrolled in their sophomore year to work over the coming summer with established investigators with either extramural funding or substantial MCHRI funding on maternal and child health related research projects.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Stanford URM and/or FLI undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in their sophomore year interested in biomedical research and working with Stanford faculty during the summer of 2025 on maternal and child health related research. Stanford URM and/or FLI freshmen or juniors may also apply if they have had no prior research experience but have an interest in biomedical research opportunities.

Student Applicants: please complete the application [here](#).

Students will need to provide the following information in their application:

- Contact Information
- Personal statement (300 words)
- Major (if declared) and list of undergraduate courses taken that are relevant to this opportunity
- Apply for up to 3 projects (List of projects can be found on the website starting in late November 2024.)
- Paragraph describing their interest in each faculty mentor research project
- *Please note:* only one project will be assigned upon match with the faculty investigator.

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Eligible students who are already mentored by a Stanford faculty member and are working on a maternal and child health-related project may apply to the DRIVE program to continue their research in Summer 2025. Students should list their current faculty mentor in their application. Faculty mentors will be prompted to submit supporting information through the faculty application form.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

During February 2025, student applicants will be interviewed by faculty mentors as part of the selection process. Selected students will be notified of their faculty mentor matches in March 2025.

## **FUNDING**

Students will receive a stipend of \$8,000 for 10 weeks over the summer. The stipend includes the student housing supplement. Students may be eligible for an additional financial need-based supplement of up to \$1500.

## **TIMELINE**

Deadline for student submissions: **January 21, 2025 at 11:59PM PT**

Student interviews: February 2025

Notification of Selections: March 2025

Performance period: **June 23, 2025 – August 29, 2025**

Full program details can be found here: <https://med.stanford.edu/mchri/programs/diversity/drive-overview/drive-apply.html>