Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI) Pilot Grants Program

The Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI) Pilot Grants funds innovative maternal and child health-focused clinical and translational research in the following categories:

Category I: Pilot Early Career ($50K)
Category II: New Ideas for Mid/Senior Investigators ($50K)

All projects must be significantly related to the health of expectant mothers and children. The applicant can be any practitioner or scientist who has a focus on maternal or child health research.

Complete application and guidelines here, per the application instructions. You do not need to submit your application via your RPM.

DEADLINE: Monday, October 14, 2024 @ 11:59 PM Pacific Time (no late applications will be accepted)

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 2024. Award start date is January 1, 2025. The project proposed must be feasible and completed within 18 months.

QSU BIOSTATISTICS CONSULTATION

MCHRI members and their mentees who are planning to apply for the Pilot Grant may sign up for a consultation with a data scientist. Reserve available 1-hour Consultation time slots here for August 6, 15, 22, and September 5, 16, 23.

Request QSU Consultations at least 8 weeks in advance of a submission deadline. The QSU may not be able to accommodate requests within the 8-week window. Please see our website and policy for more information about the QSU and their deadlines.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- All applicants must have, or plan on, having a focus on maternal child health research.
- All applicants and their mentors must be MCHRI Members.
- A Primary Research Mentor must be identified for instructors or assistant professors.
- 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:
  - Clinician Educators (CEs). (See Clinician Educator Grants Program)
  - Visiting scholars to Stanford
  - Adjunct Faculty or Affiliates
  - Senior Research Scientists, Research Associates/Assistants
  - Former recipients of MCHRI/PRF/SMCH-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

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Types of 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 areas of research are eligible: basic, translational, clinical research, epidemiology/statistics, informatics, health services, or health policy.

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. The study must be a pilot, concept, development, or feasibility proposal. This category is intended to help early-career applicants become independent researchers by facilitating projects that will produce the data needed for applications to external funding agencies. This mechanism is not intended for trainees.

II. New Ideas for Mid/Senior Investigators

**Eligibility: Associate Professors and Professors only**
The New Ideas category provides non-salary support for high-impact, high-risk projects proposed by mid to senior investigators. Projects must be novel to the field (i.e., not previously described in literature) and not a continuation or expansion of the investigator’s currently funded or unfunded research. 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.

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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