

*****Pilot Grants -Internal Stanford funding opportunity in Maternal Child Health *****

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

The Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI) Pilot Grants funds innovative clinical and translational research focused on maternal and child health 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. Eligible applicants include any practitioner or scientist focusing on maternal or child health research.

Application Instructions: Complete application guidelines [here](#). Applications do not need to be submitted through your RPM.

DEADLINE: All application must be submitted by **Tuesday, April 1, 2025 @ 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 must include a DEIJ statement in their application.

TIMELINE

- **Award Announcement:** June 2025
- **Award Start Date:** July 1, 2025.
- Projects must be feasible and completed within 18 months.

QSU BIostatISTICS CONSULTATION

MCHRI members and their mentees planning to apply for the Pilot Grant can schedule a consultation with a data scientist. Reserve available 1-hour consultation time slots via [Calendly](#) for **January 9, 13, 24, and February 7**.

To ensure availability, please request QSU consultations at least 8 weeks in advance of the submission deadline. The QSU may not accommodate requests within the 8-week window. For more information about the QSU and relevant deadlines, please visit our [website](#).

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- All applicants must have, or intend to have, a focus on maternal child health research.
- Both applicants and their mentors must be [MCHRI Members](#).
- A *Primary Research Mentor* must be identified for instructors or assistant professors.
- The mentor should be at the Associate Professor or Professor rank.

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- Applicants must maintain their appointment as an 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 with unresolved overdrafts from previous MCHRI awards.

Eligibility Summary:

	Instructor	Asst. Prof.	Assoc. Prof.	Professor
<i>Early Career</i>	•	•		
<i>New Idea</i>			•	•

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-PI-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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