

## **Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI) Postdoctoral Support Program**

The Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI) Postdoctoral Support provides funding for innovative research focused on maternal and child health across all disciplines. This opportunity is available for:

### **POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS**

- **Funding Amount:** \$90,000 per year for up to 2 years\*
- **Details:** Funded postdoctoral fellows will receive an annual salary capped at \$73,800 plus fringe benefits not to exceed \$90,000. Any remaining gaps in salary must be covered by the mentor.
- **Mentor Commitment:** This funding mechanism requires a commitment from the primary mentor of \$45,000 for year 2, providing a total combined MCHRI/primary research mentor support of \$90,000 for year 2 of funding. Total MCHRI support is up to \$135,000 over two years.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

- **Submission Date:** **Sunday, March 2, 2025 @ 11:59 PM, Pacific Time** (No late or incomplete applications will be accepted)
- **Submission Instructions:** Proposals must be submitted via the provided [ONLINE APPLICATION LINK](#). Applications do not need to go through your RPM.
- For complete application guidelines, please refer to the [program page](#).

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

#### **General Eligibility**

- All applicants must have, or plan on, having a focus on maternal and child health research.
- All applicants and their Primary Research Mentor must be MCHRI Members.
- A Primary Research Mentor must be identified for postdoctoral fellows.
- All applicants must have legal residence in the United States (Applicants with H or J visas are eligible).
- All applicants must have a postdoctoral appointment date effective no later than the application deadline. The MCHRI Awards are not to be used for recruiting purposes.

Note: Clinical fellows (MD or equivalent) training in a clinical fellowship program should not apply through this mechanism. The following groups are not eligible:

- Clinician Educators (CEs)
- Visiting scholars to Stanford
- Senior Research Scientists, Research Associates/Assistants
- Former recipients of MCHRI/PRF/LPFCH-sponsored awards who have not complied with award/reporting requirements. Mentor or applicants who have overdraft(s) in previous awards that are not cleared prior to applying are not eligible.
- Prospective postdocs with an appointment date occurring after the application deadline.

#### **Postdoctoral Fellow Specific Eligibility**

- The number of applications and total number of funded postdoctoral fellows per lab/PI shall be limited to one per cycle and at any given time. Questions regarding eligibility may be directed to MCHRI.
- **\*NEW\*** Mentors with funded postdocs are required to serve as a reviewer for the program, **if requested**, for a period of two years as a condition for renewal funding. Please see the policy for more details.
- Resubmissions shall be limited to one.
- Eligibility is limited to postdoctoral fellows in their first year through halfway into their third year at the time of application.
- Third-year applicants are eligible to apply for up to 1.5 years of funding, which covers the remainder of their third year and extends through their fourth year.
- To be eligible for renewal funding, postdoctoral fellows must be at PGY4 status or lower at the start of their award renewal period.

- Third year applicants must articulate how this funding will help their career path. (e.g., facilitate a transition into a new field, etc.)
- Funding for year two is not guaranteed and subject to review of progress, career plans, and documentation of the postdoc's application for external funding.
- Applicants who completed a first post-doctoral fellowship at an institution not affiliated with Stanford University and wish to pursue a second post-doctoral fellowship at Stanford University in a different scientific area are eligible.
- Projects that introduce a *new* maternal and child health focus in the mentor's lab are encouraged.

#### **FY25 Spring Submission Specifics:**

- The postdoc appointment must have started on or after **January 1, 2023**, to be eligible.
- We define a postdoc's PGY3 as the 12 months starting at the beginning of their third-year appointment.
- To assess eligibility for the full 1.5 years of funding, we calculate the PGY3 eligibility window by subtracting 30 months from the award start date. Postdocs whose appointment start date falls within this 30-month period are eligible.
- MCHRI reserves the right to evaluate the PGY of each awarded postdoc and will make adjustment to budget and/or the award term accordingly.
- For questions regarding eligibility, please email [mchri\\_admin@stanford.edu](mailto:mchri_admin@stanford.edu).

#### **TYPES OF RESEARCH**

Research must be primarily related to maternal and 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.

#### **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, and JUSTICE COMMITMENT**

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 Announcement: May/June 2025
- Start Date: July 1, 2025
- Performance Period: Up to 2 years\*

#### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

MCHRI members and their mentees planning to apply to the Postdoctoral Support Program must consult with a data scientist. Reserve your 1-hour slot at the registration link below:

- [MCHRI / QSU Consultations](#)

QSU Consultation dates: January 9, 13, 24, and February 7

Please see our website and policy for more information about the QSU and their deadlines.

The postdoc's *primary research mentor* must be a MCHRI Member *and* one of the following:

- MD, MD/PhD, or PhD whose primary focus is maternal and/or child health research.
- MD, MD/PhD, or PhD who wishes to expand his/her interest in maternal and/or child health research.

Please see our website for latest updates to our [policy](#) and our [FAQ page](#).

Please contact MCHRI Administration at [mchri\\_admin@stanford.edu](mailto:mchri_admin@stanford.edu) or 650-724-0279 with any questions.

*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.*