The Hassenfeld Summer Scholars Program 2022

The Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute is pleased to announce the Hassenfeld Summer Scholars Program for Brown University trainees including undergraduates, graduate students, and medical students. The program is made possible through the generous support of the family of Alan Hassenfeld. Selected Scholars will participate in a full-time, 10-week internship with the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute and receive a $4,000 stipend for the internship. The Hassenfeld Summer Scholars Program will embrace Brown’s “learning by doing” approach to engaged scholarship. This will provide Hassenfeld Scholars the opportunity to make meaningful contributions to the work of the Institute while gaining the knowledge, skills, perspective and experience they will need to become the next generation of child health leaders.

Eligibility

Brown University undergraduate, graduate (masters and doctoral) and medical students are eligible to apply to the program.

Overview of the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute

The Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute seeks to integrate research, clinical practice, public health efforts, and educational programs to achieve the following four goals:

- Improve the health of children, making the communities we serve among the world’s healthiest places for children and their families
- Address the issue of poverty and how it impacts child health
- Serve as a national and international model for what can be achieved in child health
- Train the next generation of child health leaders

The Institute aims to make a transformative impact on the lives of children and their families in Rhode Island, as well as around the world. Made stronger by its deep and far-reaching collaborations, the Hassenfeld Institute is led by and partners with key organizations throughout Rhode Island. Its core leadership resides under the following four institutions: Brown University School of Public Health, Hasbro Children’s Hospital, the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island.

Researchers and child health professionals from other institutions, such as Bradley Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, and our community partners are also involved. The work of the Institute employs multidisciplinary research methods to address a broad range of child health issues,
including topic-specific initiatives focused on asthma, autism, and healthy weight, nutrition, and physical fitness. The Hassenfeld Institute works closely with community partners on these three topics as well as other critical maternal child health issues such as mental and behavioral health, as well as child development and school readiness. This summer there will be a focus on working with our community partners.

Application Process

1. To apply, applicants should email the following materials to hassenfeldinstitute@brown.edu

   - Current resume or CV
   - Essay of up to 1,000 words describing:
     - Reasons for wanting to participate in the Hassenfeld Summer Scholar Program
     - Topics of interest relevant to maternal and child health
     - How the internship relates to the applicant’s academic work, including relevant courses that have been taken and academic plans
     - How the internship will build toward a thesis or capstone project
     - Future career plans/thoughts
     - Please include your name and current degree program/concentration at the top of the essay
   - The names of up to two references from whom the applicant has requested a letter of support. One reference must be from a Brown faculty mentor.
     - Letters of reference must be emailed directly by the letter writer from their institutional email
   - A copy of the Brown transcript

All application materials (including letters of reference) must be received by March 14, 2022 at 11:59pm.

Selection Criteria

- The academic performance and future promise of the applicant
- The potential of the applicant to benefit from the Hassenfeld Summer Scholars Program
- The match of the applicant with the goals and activities of the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute
- Preference for projects that build to a thesis or capstone project

Benefits of the Program and Award Conditions

During the full time, 10-week internship, Hassenfeld Scholars will actively participate in the activities of the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute, receiving mentorship from Institute faculty and staff as well as community partners. Scholars will also receive a stipend of $4,000 for the 10-week internship.

The standard internship begins Monday, June 6, 2022 and runs through Friday, August 12, 2022. Variations in this schedule will be considered for students with academic or other schedule issues. This should be requested at the time of application.