The Hassenfeld Summer Scholars Program 2020

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 Initiative 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.
Application Process
1. Applicants should first complete the online application form.
2. Applicants should submit the following items by email to hassenfeldinstitute@brown.edu:
   • Current resume or CV
   • Essay of up to 1,000 words describing:
     o Reasons for wanting to participate in the Hassenfeld Summer Scholar Program
     o Topics of interest relevant to maternal and child health
     o How the internship relates to the applicant’s academic work, including relevant courses that have been taken and academic plans
     o How the internship will build toward a thesis or capstone project
     o Future career plans/thoughts
   • 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.
   • A copy of the Brown transcript

Letters of reference must be emailed directly by the letter writer from their institutional email address to hassenfeldinstitute@brown.edu.

All application materials (including letters of reference) must be received by Feb 3, 2020 at 11:59pm.

Selection Criteria
Criteria for selection to the program include:
• 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. Scholars will also receive a stipend of $4,000 for the 10-week internship.

The standard internship begins Monday, June 8, 2020 and runs through Friday, August 14, 2020. Variations in this schedule will be considered for students with academic or other schedule issues. This should be requested at the time of application.