

**The Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Awards  
2021**

To stimulate innovation, the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute (<https://www.brown.edu/hassenfeld/get-involved/hassenfeld-child-health-innovation-awards>) is pleased to announce the 2021 Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Awards. The awards are made possible through the generous support of the family of Alan Hassenfeld. The purpose of the awards is to stimulate innovation to help further the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute's goals to:

- 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

This year, as the world finally confronts the public health crisis of racism, we are particularly looking for proposals that address health disparities and inequalities, as well as addressing social determinants of health and social justice. If Rhode Island is to become the healthiest place in the world for all children, we must focus efforts on communities facing the greatest health burdens. The Institute is looking to partner with community organizations, including non-profit groups and government entities (state, local, school departments, individual schools, etc.) with innovative ideas to address maternal and child health disparities in Rhode Island. Community organizations are invited to propose a project that they would like to undertake in collaboration with the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute. Applicants can request the following types of support for the proposed project:

- Collaboration with faculty and staff from the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute who have the expertise necessary for the success of the project, from planning to implementation and evaluation.
- Student interns from Brown University to assist in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the intervention
- Up to \$10,000 of material support for the project including necessary equipment, supplies or other non-personnel expenses

**Criteria for Selection**

We anticipate making two awards. Competitive proposals will be those that:

- Have the potential to address health disparities and make an important impact on child health in Rhode Island
- Priority topic areas will include
  - The three topic specific focus areas of the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute
    - Asthma
    - Autism
    - Healthy Weight, Nutrition and Physical Fitness

- Other focus area that are critical to the health of children that align with current Institute activities or may be an appropriate topic for future priority areas for the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute
- Actively engage the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute and have the potential for ongoing collaborations
- The feasibility of measuring a positive impact of the intervention. All applicants must agree to have the project impact evaluated by the Core Research and Evaluation Unit of the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute.

Additional selection criteria include the overall quality of the project/proposal, the qualifications of the proposed team, the feasibility of the project to be successfully completed in one year, appropriateness of the requested resources, sustainability plan including the time line for future external funding proposals if appropriate and other quality/impact issues.

### **Timeline**

Proposals should be emailed to [HassenfeldInstitute@Brown.edu](mailto:HassenfeldInstitute@Brown.edu) no later than 9:00 am on Friday, December 4, 2020.

### **Eligibility**

Community-based Rhode Island non-profits and government agencies are invited to apply for the Innovation Award.

### **Application Format**

#### **Application Process**

The proposal should include these items presented in the following order:

1. Title
2. Names, titles, affiliations and contact information for the project lead and core team
3. Abstract (300 word limit) describing the proposed research project.
4. Body of the proposal (sections a – d below) should not exceed 2,500 words or 5 single-spaced pages.
  - a. Specific Aims
  - b. Background and Significance: A summary of the relevant background literature in the field of research that puts the proposed project into the appropriate context and explains how it will significantly extend or contribute to the field. (500 words maximum)
  - c. Approach: A description of the proposed project, a timetable for completing these activities, and an assessment of the potential for subsequent external funding or another sustainability plan.
  - d. Description of the team from the proposing agency and their role on the project.
  - e. Description of how the collaboration will work with the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute. Please include what support you will need from faculty and staff in the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute (expert input, data analysis, mapping, etc.) and the number of student interns needed, including student level and effort required.
  - f. Describe additional material support needed (up to \$10,000).
  - g. Strategy for seeking subsequent external support or other plans for sustainability. The description should include a statement of intent to submit a proposal as one of the outcomes of the project.
5. Supporting documents for the proposal (bibliography/references, figures)
6. Up to three letters of support.

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Receipt of the proposal will be confirmed via email. If you do not receive confirmation within 72 hours of submission, please contact the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute ([HassenfeldInstitute@Brown.edu](mailto:HassenfeldInstitute@Brown.edu)).

### **Award Conditions**

1. Funding will begin on February 1, 2021. Projects must be completed by January 31, 2022. A final report is due March 1, 2022. Applicants must commit to collaborating on the planning and implementation of a project evaluation by the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute. If a project extension is required, it must be requested by October 1, 2021. If approved the project can be extended until June 30, 2022 with a final report due August 2, 2022. This report should outline the work accomplished as a result of the award, highlight the significant progress made on the project, summarize any publications, and describe any significant deviations from or extensions to the project described in the original proposal. The report should also describe plans to submit proposals to external sponsors based on this award or other approaches to sustainability. The final report should be submitted to:  
[HassenfeldInstitute@Brown.edu](mailto:HassenfeldInstitute@Brown.edu)
2. The Project Leads and Hassenfeld Institute partners will present the results of the project at a Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute forum.