The Hassenfeld Research Scholars Program for Clinical Fellows  
2017

The Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute is pleased to announce the Hassenfeld Research Scholars Program for Clinical Fellows. The program is made possible through the generous support of the family of Alan Hassenfeld. Two clinical fellows will be chosen annually to participate in the program. The selected Hassenfeld Research Scholars will play active roles in the work of the Institute under the mentorship of Institute-affiliated faculty, while gaining outstanding training opportunities for their future career in maternal and child health. Hassenfeld Research Scholars will also receive scholarship support to participate in the Clinical and Translational Research certificate program at Brown University. The Hassenfeld Research Scholars Program will embrace Brown’s “learning by doing” approach to engaged scholarship. This will provide Hassenfeld Research 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
Any clinical fellow in Brown-affiliated fellowships relevant to maternal and child health is eligible to apply to the Hassenfeld Research Scholars Program for Clinical Fellows. Preference will be given to fellows with at least two years remaining in their Brown-affiliated clinical fellowship program.

Research Focus
A broad range of topics may be appropriate for the Hassenfeld Research Scholars Program for Clinical Fellows. The Institute embraces the World Health Organization’s definition of health as a “state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.” Topics could include mental health, physical health, and risk reduction, as well as optimal growth and development, including school and social functioning. The focus includes maternal health and its influence on child health, as well as family influences more broadly. Consistent with the AAP definition of pediatrics, projects focusing anywhere from the prenatal period through age 21 are appropriate.

Application Process
Applicants should submit the following by email to: HassenfeldInstitute@Brown.edu
1. A current CV
2. A 500-1,000 word essay describing
   a. Research Interests
   b. Career plans
   c. Reasons for wanting to become a Hassenfeld Research Scholar
3. The names of up to two faculty from whom the applicant has requested a letter of recommendation. This must include the applicant’s fellowship director. Up to one additional letter of reference may be requested from a current or past mentor.

Letters of reference must be emailed by the letter writer from their institutional email address to: HassenfeldInstitute@Brown.edu

All application materials (including letters of reference) must be received by August 1, 2017.

Criteria for Selection
Criteria for selection to the program include the following:

- The academic performance and future promise of the applicant
- The potential of the applicant to benefit from the Research Scholars program
- The match of the applicant with the goals and activities of the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute

Benefits of the Program and Award Conditions
In addition to receiving scholarship support for the Certificate Program in Clinical and Translational Research, Hassenfeld Research Scholars are expected to participate in research activities of the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute, and will receive mentorship from Institute faculty and staff.

Hassenfeld Research Scholars will continue in the program for the duration of their clinical fellowship, generally a one to three-year term. Hassenfeld Research Scholars must remain in good standing in their Brown-affiliated clinical fellowship and make good progress on their work with the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute. They must also remain in good academic standing and make appropriate progress in the Clinical and Translational Research Certificate Program.