The 2020 Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Awards

The Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute (https://www.brown.edu/initiatives/child-health/) is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the 2020 Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Awards. These awards, which are made possible through the generous support of the family of Alan Hassenfeld, help to stimulate innovation to further the goals of the Hassenfeld Institute:

- 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

For the 2020 Innovation award, the Hassenfeld Institute is looking to partner with community organizations, including nonprofit groups and governmental entities (state, local, school departments, individual schools, etc.) to address critical maternal and child health issues in Rhode Island. Community organizations are invited to propose a project they would like to undertake in collaboration with the Hassenfeld Institute. Applicants can request the following types of support for the proposed project:

- Collaboration with faculty and staff from the Hassenfeld Institute with 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 worth of material support for the project including necessary equipment, supplies or other non-personnel expenses

Criteria for Selection
We plan to grant two awards. Competitive proposals will:

- Demonstrate the project’s potential to make an impact on child health in Rhode Island
- Focus on one of the three main topics that the Hassenfeld Institute specializes in: asthma, autism or healthy weight, nutrition and physical fitness, or
  - Focus on another area that is critical to the health of children and that aligns with current Hassenfeld Institute activities
- Actively engage the Hassenfeld Institute and present the potential for ongoing collaborations

We will also consider the feasibility of measuring the positive impact of the intervention. All applicants must agree to have the project’s impact evaluated by the Core Research and Evaluation Unit of the Hassenfeld 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, the appropriateness of the requested resources and the sustainability plan, which should include a timeline for future external funding proposals if appropriate.

**Timeline**
Proposals should be emailed to HassenfeldInstitute@Brown.edu no later than 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Receipt of the proposal will be confirmed via email. If you do not receive confirmation within 72 hours, email Amy Anthony, communications and outreach manager, at amy_anthony@brown.edu.

**Eligibility**
Community-based Rhode Island nonprofits and governmental agencies are invited to apply for the award.

**Application Process**
The proposal should include these items, presented in the following order:

1. A title
2. The names, titles, affiliations and contact information for the project lead and core team
3. An abstract of no more than 300 words describing the proposed research project
4. The proposal, which should not exceed 2,500 words or five single-spaced pages, and which should include the following elements:
   a. A detailed outline of the project’s aims
   b. 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. A description of the proposed project, a timetable for completing related activities and an assessment of the potential for subsequent external funding or a sustainability plan
   d. A description of the team members and their roles on the project
   e. An explanation of how the collaboration would work, including details about what support you would need from faculty and staff in the Hassenfeld Institute (expert input, data analysis, mapping, etc.) and from students interns, including the quantity and type (graduate, doctoral, etc.)
   f. A description of any additional material support needed (up to $10,000)
   g. 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, etc.)
6. Up to three letters of support

**Award Conditions**
1. Funding will begin on April 1, 2020. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2021. A final report is due April 15, 2021. (If a project extension is required, it must be requested by December 1, 2020. If approved, the project can be extended until December 1, 2021, with a final report due January 15, 2021.) The final 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 as described in the original proposal. The report should also describe any plans to submit proposals to external sponsors or other approaches to sustainability.
2. The project leads and Hassenfeld Institute partners will present the results of the project at a Hassenfeld Institute forum. Applicants must also commit to collaborating on the planning and implementation of a project evaluation by the Hassenfeld Institute.