



Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health

The Academic Career Enhancement Program for Maternal and Child Health (ACE-MCH) of the UIC School of Public Health (UIC-SPH) Center of Excellence in MCH (CoE-MCH) invites applications for a postdoctoral training fellowship. The fellowship will begin August 16, 2021, and be either one or two years in duration depending on the needs and circumstances of the selected fellow. The vision of the UIC CoE-MCH is to be a leader in the area of maternal and child health (i.e., women's health, perinatal and infant health, and child health extending from early childhood through adolescent development) by conducting cutting-edge research, building public health capacity, fostering health equity and social justice, and developing leaders across the workforce continuum in order to strengthen individuals, families, and communities, and cultivate a culture of health and well-being for all. A central aim of ACE-MCH is to increase the diversity of the MCH academic pipeline by recruiting and supporting the academic career development of postdoctoral fellows and faculty from underrepresented backgrounds.

UIC is one of the most diverse research-intensive universities in the US and is designated as a Minority Serving Institution (MSI), an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI), and a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). UIC has received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine and was named one of the nation's best 25 campuses for LGBT students by Campus Pride and the Huffington Post. U.S. News & World Report's "Americas Best Colleges" recently ranked UIC in the top 10 of Carnegie classified national institutions for campus ethnic diversity.

The ACE-MCH training program features:

- Foundational training for conducting high-impact research and translating research to practice, as well as teaching, curriculum development, and leadership;
- Opportunity for each fellow to develop a training plan tailored to their scholarly interests and career goals;
- Individual mentorship for each fellow from a primary and a secondary mentor;
- Extensive practical experience with peer-reviewed publications and grant writing, supplemented by innovative programmatic supports; and
- Activities to foster professional networking and collaboration both with other MCH scholars and with Title V and other community partners engaged in MCH practice and policy work.

Applications are welcomed from those with earned doctorates in diverse disciplines (e.g., women and gender studies, LGBTQ+ health, psychology, sociology, economics, anthropology). Applicants should have a strong intent to pursue an academic career in maternal and child

health or related discipline, with a preference for scholarship that addresses health equity. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Applicants should submit the following materials to Gabby Masini via email (**gmasini@uic.edu**):

- Cover letter addressing scholarly interests, prior research, teaching, commitment to health equity, applied experience in areas relevant to maternal and child health, and how the applicant learned about the opportunity to help with future recruitment efforts;
- Curriculum vitae;
- First-authored scholarly writing sample; and
- Names and contact information of three individuals willing to provide letters of recommendation (these letters do not need to be provided with the initial application and will not be considered in the initial screening of applicants).

UIC is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer. Minorities, women, veterans, and individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. The University of Illinois conducts background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of contingent offer of employment. Background checks will be performed in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

For fullest consideration, **please apply by April 15, 2021.**