

Gehr Family Student Innovator Awards 2017

What: A fellowship program for health professional students to develop a mentored health care quality improvement or health services research project on the Keck Medical School campus. Four students will be selected for the award and will receive a \$4,000 stipend.

When: The program will last 6 weeks – from **June 12, 2017 – July 21, 2017**. Students must be devoted to the program full time, i.e. they will participate during the summer when they are not taking academic classes.

Who is Eligible: Students in good academic standing who are enrolled in a health care professional program at the University of Southern California (e.g. MD, PA, PharmD, PT, OT, dental, social work).

Program Description: During the 6 week program period, students will develop a project in partnership with a “real-world” health system, including but not limited to those on the Keck campus. Consistent with the goals of the Gehr Center, projects should:

- Align with the mission of achieving the “triple aim” (improving quality of care, population health, and reducing waste)
- The project is co-designed with the health system and there is buy-in from health system leadership
- The project is evidence-based
- The project will be self-sustaining after completion (i.e. there is an ongoing case for the health system to continue the innovation if it is successful)
- The project will result in scientifically important data that can be shared through peer-review publication

Mentorship: Each student will have two mentors for their project: 1) A Gehr Center faculty member; and 2) A health system leader who will be their primary contact for their project. One morning each week during the program period will be devoted to seminar discussions with health system leaders as well as discussions about progress on their projects. The rest of the time will be unstructured, allowing students to work on their project and meet with their mentors.

Deliverables and Expectations: At the end of the completion of the program period, each student is responsible for:

- A 2-3 page summary evaluation report. Students may subsequently decide to refine these reports for submission for peer reviewed publication. A formal report (no more than one page) from the health care system describing their experience with the project and whether or not they plan to implement the project on an ongoing basis. The report should include an explanation or justification for this decision.

Application Process and Timeline: Students should submit their CV and a 2 page single-spaced personal statement about why they are interested in a Gehr Family Student Innovator award by **Friday March 3, 2017 at 5 PM**. This personal statement should include a brief proposal of the project you propose working on over the summer. While we understand your project might change, details about your proposal will greatly strengthen your application. If you have made specific contact with a health system partner, please list the name(s) of those you have spoken with, and indicate if any of these staff/faculty have agreed to serve as your mentor for the summer. Students will be interviewed by Gehr faculty members and announcements of awards will occur no later than **Friday April 7, 2017**.

Project Development: After receiving an award, students will work with their mentors to select appropriate projects for the program. Ideally, students will have selected their project before the program start date.

Submission Process: Please compile your application into A SINGLE DOCUMENT and order it as follows:

- Cover page with your name and the title of your personal statement
- Personal statement (2 single-spaced pages maximum)
- CV

Please submit your application as A SINGLE DOCUMENT (either PDF or Word document is ok) to: gehrstudentawards@med.usc.edu The subject line should be: Gehr Student Innovation Awards 2017

Questions? You may find additional information about the Gehr Center at <http://gehrcenter.usc.edu/> For questions about the application process, please contact Ms. Rachel Lim from the Gehr Center at: Rachel.Lim@med.usc.edu