

Gehr Family Student Innovator Awards 2019

What: A summer 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. Students will also receive didactics in these fields, and meet healthcare leaders in the Los Angeles community. We aim to select 8-12 students each summer. Each awardee will receive a \$3,000 stipend.

When: The program will last 6 weeks, from **June 17, 2019 – July 26, 2019**. Students must be devoted to the program full time during these weeks. Some preparatory meetings in the months leading up to the program in spring 2019 may be required.

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

Program Description: During the 6-week program period, students will develop a project in partnership with a Gehr Center faculty member. Students may propose their own projects, but most work on established projects led by Gehr Center or other USC faculty members. Students are encouraged to visit the Gehr Center website (www.gehrcenter.usc.edu) to learn more about active Center projects. Students can also meet with the program director their individual research interests. Students who propose to do their own project are encouraged to submit preliminary data in their application to ensure feasibility of the project and explain why their project would benefit from Gehr Center mentorship.

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 will result in scientifically important data that can be shared through peer-review publication
- See the Gehr Center website for further details about the Center’s mission: <http://gehrcenter.usc.edu/>

Mentorship: Each student will be assigned to a Gehr Center faculty member who will serve as their primary mentor for the summer. Students may also receive mentorship from others involved in their project, such as health system leaders, other faculty members, and community members as appropriate. One morning each week during the program period will be devoted to didactics led by Gehr Center faculty. There will also be a series of seminars with healthcare leaders in the Los Angeles community throughout the summer at locations throughout Los Angeles. The rest of the time will be unstructured, allowing students to work on their project and meet with their mentors.

Deliverables and Expectations: Students are expected to participate in the weekly didactics session with Gehr faculty as well as all seminars throughout the 6-week program. Students should be prepared to commute within Los Angeles for their projects or seminars if required. At the completion of the program period, each student is responsible for presenting their work at a final symposium on the Keck campus. Students are also encouraged to submit abstracts on their work to conferences at USC and externally, as well as to consider writing up their work for peer-review publication.

Application Process and Timeline: Students should submit their CV and up to a 2- page single-spaced personal statement about why they are interested in a Gehr Family Student Innovator award by **Friday March 1, 2019 at 5 PM**. This personal statement should describe the student's background and research interests. Students will be interviewed by Gehr faculty members and announcements of awards will occur no later than **Friday April 5, 2019**. Student will be selected based on the strength of their personal statements, research interests, and overall fit with the Gehr Center goals.

Project Development: After receiving an award, students will work with their mentors to finalize their plans for the summer. Ideally, students will have selected their project and begun working on it before the program start date. We will plan an orientation session in the spring after awardees have been selected.

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 2019

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 To discuss specific projects, please contact Michael Hochman, MD, MPH at: mhochman@med.usc.edu