UNC Gillings - Male Contraceptive Initiative Summer Fellowship Program 2021

Open Date: January 26, 2021
Application Due Date: March 15, 2021
Intended Start Date: Mid-May, 2021
Location: Durham, NC (operations currently remote)

Number of positions: 1

Funding: $4,000

Male Contraceptive Initiative (MCI) was founded in 2014 to facilitate research and development of male contraceptives and to build awareness about the need for and status of male contraceptive options.

MCI has supported over $3M in direct research funding to startups and academic institutions globally.

In partnership with UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health’s Research, Innovation and Global Solutions unit, the UNC Gillings - MCI Summer Fellowship Program is intended for UNC Gillings residential or online master’s students to gain experience in contraceptive development and research by offering support for 8-10 weeks. This program will support graduate students to contribute to the development of promising new reversible non-hormonal male contraceptives through supporting research, advocacy, and/or programmatic activities.

Eligibility requirements

- Applicants must be a current UNC Gillings residential or online master’s student, who will be enrolled in their master’s program in Fall 2021.
- Interest in the development of male contraceptives, their social acceptability, use and non-use, and related factors.
- Applicants need not be citizens of the United States
Desired/Minimum Qualifications

- Experience reviewing demographic datasets, literature (peer-reviewed and gray), and other resources to gather data relevant to a specific public health topic (preferably related to contraception, gender, or other area of sexual and reproductive health).
- Ability to distill technical concepts into written communication suitable for general audiences.
- Basic analytical skills sufficient to create frequency tables and other visual representations of data.
- Strong communication skills, particularly written communication.
- Must be fluent in English.
- Experience working in contraception or gender-related studies preferred.

Project Specifications

Specific project(s) will be finalized together with the successful applicant. Examples of past projects include:

- Survey data analysis and reporting
- Communication campaigns
- Policy advocacy strategy development for vasectomy coverage in the ACA
- Modeling of potential uptake of male contraception methods
- Communications materials relating male contraception to sustainable development goals
- Survey development for understanding contraception needs of specific populations
- Podcast development and production

Application procedure

Application Documents A-C must be submitted by March 15, 2021 to fellowships@malecontraceptive.org as a single PDF, formatted in Arial 11 point font on 8.5 x 11 inch pages with one inch margins.

Letters of Support must be submitted by March 15, 2021, directly to fellowships@malecontraceptive.org by the letter writer with the subject line “CANDIDATE NAME - Letter of Support.”
Application documents

A. Application  
B. Applicant CV - (4 pages maximum)  
C. Unofficial Transcript  
D. Letter of Support - (1 professional or 1 academic) - This is to be submitted directly by the letter writer to fellowships@malecontraceptive.org with the subject line “CANDIDATE NAME - Letter of Support.” This letter must be received by the application deadline.

Applicants will be notified of award acceptance by mid-April, 2021.

Questions?
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