

UNC Gillings Male Contraceptive Initiative Summer Fellowship Program 2024

Open Date: February 1, 2024

Application Due Date: February 29, 2024

Intended Start Date: Mid-May, 2024

Location: virtual, with organization located Durham, NC

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 office, 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 2024.
- 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.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing as defined by their master's program.

Desired/Minimum Qualifications

- Experience reviewing demographic datasets, literature (peer-reviewed and gray), and/or 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 visual representations of data.

- Strong communication skills, particularly written communication.
- Must be fluent in English.
- Experience working in contraception or gender-related studies preferred.
- Interest in policy, innovation in contraception, queer health, international health, international regulations, and/or contraceptive research a plus.

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
- Contraception lesson plans
- Qualitative research planning
- 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
- Social media strategy development

Application procedure

Application Documents A-B must be submitted by February 29, 2024 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 February 29, 2024, directly to fellowships@malecontraceptive.org by the letter writer with the subject line “CANDIDATE NAME - Letter of Support.”

Application documents

- A. Application (application below)
- B. Applicant CV - (4 pages maximum)
- C. 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-March, 2024.

Vaccine Policy

Male Contraceptive Initiative is an organization that works to promote sexual and reproductive health as

a means of contributing to broader, global public health priorities. To this end, all staff, interns, and fellows working in the United States are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 before joining the MCI team. This ensures the safety of our employees and compliance with US federal government regulations. Those with medical or religious reasons for not vaccinating for COVID-19 may request an accommodation.

Questions?

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Attach the following supplemental materials to this application and submit as a single PDF: • Resume or CV (4 pages max)

One Letter of Recommendation (1 professional or 1 academic) – This is to be submitted directly by the recommender to fellowships@malecontraceptive.org with the subject line “CANDIDATE NAME – Letter of Recommendation.” This letter must be received by the application deadline.

Personal

Last Name First Middle	Daytime/Evening Phone Number
Street Address	Email Address
City, State, Zip Code	
<p>Are you legally eligible to work in the United States? Yes No</p> <p>Student Visa; Type* _____</p> <p>Citizenship Status (check one) U.S. _____ Permanent Resident International</p> <p><i>Proof of your identity and eligibility will be required.</i></p> <p><i>*International students will need to meet with OISSS to ensure the Fellowship does not interfere with student visa requirements.</i></p>	

I am currently: A current first-year Master’s Student at UNC SPH

Department:

Questions

Q1. Summarize your previous relevant research and/or advocacy experience (domestic and international). *Please limit your response to 300 words or less.*

Q2. Please tell us what you believe makes you a strong candidate for the Fellowship and match for MCI. Please limit your response to 400 words or less.

Q3. Please list computer software for which you are proficient (ex. SAS, STATA, Adobe, etc.).

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE: I hereby certify that there are no willful misrepresentations, omissions, or falsifications in the statements and answers on this application and supporting materials. I am aware that UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and MCI's consideration of this application may include an investigation regarding any and all statements and answers made, and I hereby consent to such investigation. I am aware that should an investigation disclose any misrepresentation, omissions, or falsification, my application will be rejected, or if I am already employed, my employment may be terminated. MCI reserves the right to terminate employees without prior notice.

Signature