

The Maternal Child Health-Leadership Education, Advocacy, and Research Network (MCH-LEARN)

Who We Are

The Maternal Child Health-Leadership Education, Advocacy, and Research Network (MCH-LEARN) is a nine-week summer and academic year maternal child health (MCH) program that provides integrated public health, clinical and research learning experiences. MCH-LEARN is designed for college freshmen, sophomores and juniors in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C., areas who are interested in MCH professions (pediatric medicine, nutrition, social work, nursing, pediatric dentistry, psychology, health education, occupational/physical therapy, speech-language pathology, public health). Students from underrepresented and/or disadvantaged populations are strongly encouraged to apply. Students must have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The program provides scholars with mentorship using interdisciplinary training experiences, leadership and professional development, and didactics focusing on promoting health equity within MCH populations. The ultimate goal of MCH-LEARN is to support diverse students' academic success to professional careers in MCH disciplines.

Our Partners

- Kennedy Krieger Institute
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- The Johns Hopkins University's School of Medicine and Bloomberg School of Public Health
- The Parents' Place of Maryland
- Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities

Program Activities

- Orientation week begins at Kennedy Krieger Institute/Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore, Maryland, and culminates at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. Housing and transportation will be provided for scholars to attend the CDC orientation.
- During the summer program, all scholars will participate in an MCH research activity and will have the option of engaging in a clinical or community advocacy activity.
- Scholars will participate in Life Course, as well as professional development and leadership seminars.
- Scholars will give a presentation on a public health research topic at the end of the summer.



- Scholars will participate in monthly two-hour academic sessions during the academic school year.
- Scholars will receive a stipend for the nine-week summer program and a stipend for the academic year.
- Scholars will have local and national opportunities to give presentations on public health topics related to MCH disparities.

Travel support to the CDC and a scientific conference is available based on available funding. Housing is not available for the nine-week Summer Session.

Contact and Application Information

Visit [KennedyKrieger.org/MCH-LEARN](https://www.kennedykrieger.org/MCH-LEARN) for application information.

Application must be submitted by January 31.

Questions: MCH-LEARN@KennedyKrieger.org or **443-923-5901**

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