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 first-year students, 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 and transition 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 with a poster presentation, which may be presented at a scientific conference.
- 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 the Prevention of Health Disparities Across the Life Course, as well as professional development and leadership seminars.
- 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.

Scholars may attend a public health seminar and a scientific conference based on available funding. Housing is not available for the nine-week summer program.

Contact and Application Information

Please visit KennedyKrieger.org/MCH-LEARN or email MCH-LEARN@KennedyKrieger.org for more information or to apply.

Application must be submitted by January 31.

For general Kennedy Krieger Institute information, visit KennedyKrieger.org or call 888-554-2080.