

Boston Children's Hospital Pediatric Health Equity Fellowship

Program Goals

- Train individuals to address critical gaps in pediatric health equity research, including studies of social determinants of health, quality, outcomes and cost effectiveness of care.
- Support completion and publication of studies designed to improve the capacity of Boston Children's Hospital, and the U.S. health care system more generally, to meet the needs of children and families, with a particular emphasis on those from underrepresented populations/vulnerable populations in the U.S. with possible project topics to include (but not limited to):
 - improving systems for collection of race, ethnicity, language and other demographic data;
 - addressing health care disparities and/or the impact of social determinants of health; and
 - developing and testing innovative approaches to patient navigation, health literacy, or linguistically diverse patients and families that would improve the delivery of culturally effective pediatric health care.
- Provide training in research methods and performance improvement methods, including those of implementation science, to optimize care delivery, patient experience, and patient outcomes in real world settings.

Research Site – Boston Children's Hospital, in conjunction with the Harvard-wide Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship

Learning Opportunities – Two-year program includes intensive mentorship; MPH in Clinical Effectiveness at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; structured seminars weekly with the Harvard-wide Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship Program; and leadership forums in minority health policy, faculty development, equity and social justice seminars, journal clubs, and group meetings with the Harvard Medical School Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership Fellowship in Minority Health Policy. The fellow will have assigned faculty mentors from both the Boston Children's Hospital Office of Health Equity and Inclusion and the Harvard-wide Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship. The fellow is expected to devote a minimum of 80% effort to research with up to 20% clinical time.

Deliverables – The fellow is expected to submit an abstract for presentation at the Boston Children's Hospital Dr. M. Judah Folkman Research Day and at least one abstract at a national conference. The fellow is expected to submit at least one (likely 2-3) manuscripts by the end of the fellowship. All funded project deliverables must contain the following acknowledgement, "Funding for the project was obtained from Boston Children's Hospital Pediatric Health Equity Fellowship."

Faculty Leaders – Jonathan Finkelstein, MD, MPH and Valerie L. Ward, MD, MPH (Co-Directors), for the Boston Children's Hospital Pediatric Health Equity Fellowship.

Funding – The support of Fellow will be shared between the home clinical department (which will provide stipend/salary) and the Boston Children's Hospital Office of Health Equity and Inclusion/Department of Health Affairs (which will provide tuition for the MPH degree at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health over two year and an additional \$2,000 in training related expenses).

Eligibility – Outstanding postdoctoral clinicians and scientists, as well as faculty members (generalists and subspecialists) based at Boston Children's Hospital. Individuals who are underrepresented in medicine are encouraged to apply, yet all individuals are eligible.

Information and Application – Please see <http://www.childrenshospital.org/pedresearch/> for application details. Please contact Valerie L. Ward MD, MPH, Medical Director, Boston Children's Hospital Office of Health Equity and Inclusion at healthequity@childrens.harvard.edu or Kathleen Walsh MD, MSc, Associate Program Director, Harvard-wide Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship Program with questions.

Deadline – September 10, 2020 for July 1, 2021 entry.

