

## The 2022 Mary J. C. Hendrix Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute is pleased to announce the 2022 Mary J.C. Hendrix Outstanding Graduate Student Award to recognize a graduate student of exceptional distinction. Through the ongoing generosity of the Children's Research Fund, one award will be made each year to a Manne Research Institute graduate student for their high level of scholastic achievement, research engagement, and productivity.

### AWARD:

- Scholars will receive a \$5,000 prize in support of their research including lab reagents, computers, and attendance at scientific conferences.
- The award is for a one-year period.
- Funds are awarded on a competitive basis, considering scholastic achievement, research productivity, innovative research ideas, and extramural funding.

### Application Due Date

5:00pm CST on Friday April 29, 2022

### Earliest Project Start Date

June 1, 2022

### GUIDELINES:

#### 1. Applicant Requirements:

- Candidates must be predoctoral students, preferably in their 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> year of graduate work at Manne Research Institute.
- Candidate's mentor must be employed by Lurie Children's and its affiliated practice plans (e.g., Pediatric Faculty Foundation, Lurie Children's Surgical Foundation, etc.) whether the research is conducted at Manne Research Institute or Northwestern University.
- Candidates do not already have a terminal degree (i.e., do not already have an MD).
- Candidate must be nominated by their supervising Manne Research Institute faculty member or under exceptional circumstances, their thesis committee member.
- Only one nomination per laboratory or research program.
- Candidates may not have previously received this award.

#### 2. Budget Guidelines:

Recipients will receive a \$5,000 prize to be used at the student's discretion to further their research progress, including lab reagents, computers, and attendance at scientific conferences.

#### 3. General Request Requirements:

- A. Completed Application: [Hendrix 2022 Submission Form](#)
- The faculty mentor must submit the application on behalf of the nominated graduate student.
  - Lurie Children's Office 365 environment is required (log into Office.com with Lurie Children's credentials) to access the application form referenced above.
- B. Mentor Nomination letter (1.5 pages) that addresses:
- Graduate student's role in the laboratory or research program.
  - Contributions to the lab or research program since arrival
  - Specific accomplishments to date
    - Roles held at the research institute.

- C. Candidate statement (1 page) describing the graduate student's prior training and how it leads to the objectives and long-term career plans of the candidate.
- D. Description of the graduate student's research project (2 pages), written by the student, not the mentor:
  - Background
  - Hypothesis/Question
  - Data/Findings
  - Conclusions
  - Significance
  - If collaborative in nature, an explanation of contributions of each team member.
- E. Graduate student's current CV including publications, presentations, extramural funding attempts/successes.
- F. Recommendation Letter (1 page) from another Faculty Member (typically a Thesis Committee Member) that includes:
  - Broader perspective of the graduate student
  - Academic potential
  - Strength of candidate
  - Student performance at committee meetings.

#### **4. Post Award Requirements:**

- Appropriate subject protections (IRB or IACUC) approval before funds can be released.
- Written progress report at the end of 12 & 24 months which includes additional abstracts, presentations, publications, patents and funding.
- Provide a brief presentation at a Children's Research Fund Board meeting.
- Inclusion of the following in any publication or presentations that are a direct result of this funding: "Supported in part by Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago."

#### **5. Review Criteria:**

Proposals will be scored by each reviewer using a scale of 1-9. The score and other brief comments will be provided to each applicant upon request.

- Prior scholastic achievement & research engagement/productivity
- Preparation to date: training, mentoring and environment
- Research: significance, innovation, approach

#### **6. Submission Instructions:**

The faculty mentor should submit application materials on behalf of their nominated graduate student using the online application: [Hendrix 2022 Submission Form](#). Mentor and Faculty letters of recommendation are required as part of the application.

For questions and additional information, please contact [researchdevelopment@luriechildrens.org](mailto:researchdevelopment@luriechildrens.org).