

**Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute  
Mental Health Springboard Awards**

**Date of Issuance:** April 4, 2022

**Application close:** April 25, 2022

**Expected Notification of Awards:** May 23, 2022

**Contact for more information:** [researchdevelopment@luriechildrens.org](mailto:researchdevelopment@luriechildrens.org)

**Springboard Mechanism:** This mechanism seeds new research around an important contemporary topic with the intention of getting it up and running in a short amount of time, followed by the pursuit of extramural funding.

**Overview:** Mental health is an important part of children's overall health and well-being. Many investigators in the Manne Research Institute have the expertise necessary to understand children's mental health and mental health disorders and mental health challenges including impact of adverse childhood events, access to treatment, and chronic health conditions. The Mental Health Springboard Awards will provide resources to allow research institute investigators to initiate new **research** efforts towards understanding aspects of childhood and adolescent mental health across the translational research spectrum (i.e., basic, clinical, and health services research) while working to obtain extramural funding to sustain these new research collaborations.

**Who is eligible:**

- 1) Investigators with primary affiliations with the Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute and Lurie Children's. Investigators need to be faculty (instructor or above) or be a fellowship-level trainee (clinical fellow or postdoctoral associate) with a faculty mentor who will assure completion of the proposed work and continuation of effort after the completion of the award if the trainee will not remain with Lurie Children's following completion of their fellowship.

**Who is not eligible:**

- 1) Investigators with secondary or affiliate appointments in the Manne Research Institute and Lurie Children's.
- 2) Pre-fellowship trainees and fellows without faculty mentors providing assurances towards completion of the project and leading towards extramural funding on mental health research

**Support and timeframe:**

- 1) Awards may be from \$2,500 to \$25,000. For investigators with  $\geq$  \$50,000 in discretionary funds, a 1:1 match to the investigator's own funds will be provided up to \$12,500.
- 2) Awards may not support PI effort. Awards may support effort of key research staff but should not exceed 20% of the award.
- 3) Divisions and Programs with whom the investigator has a primary affiliation are expected to contribute 10% of the total award if possible.
- 4) Awards will only last for six (6) months from the award start date. If IRB or IACUC approval is required, the funding initiation may start up to eight (8) weeks after the notification of the receipt of the award.
- 5) If the investigative team obtains new support that overlaps with the project enabled through this Manne Institute Award, funds from this award will be relinquished prior to the end of the support period.

**Format:**

- Each application should be no longer than 2 pages not including references (single-spaced, 11-point font, 0.5-inch margins).
- Preliminary data are not required but may be included in an appendix that does not count towards the page limits.

Key components within the page limits should include:

- 1) Statement of central question, objective, goals, aims, and hypothesis (where applicable)
- 2) Statement of importance and specific relevance to mental health
- 3) Innovation and novelty that distinguishes the proposal from other known or expected mental health research efforts
- 4) Approach to the problem
- 5) As relevant, the complementarity of the proposal with other mental health-focused research at the Manne Research Institute, Lurie Children's, and/or Northwestern
- 6) Key resources and collaborative team available for quick start and feasibility
- 7) Expected future funding opportunities

**Submission Protocol:**

- 1) ***Please submit applications in pdf format directly to Research Development ([researchdevelopment@luriechildrens.org](mailto:researchdevelopment@luriechildrens.org)) with the subject line "Manne Research Institute Mental Health Springboard Award".***
- 2) Please complete the brief budget page (attached) with your application. This page does NOT count towards page limits.

**Reporting requirements:**

- 1) Funded collaborative teams will be required to participate in monthly touch-base conferences with other teams, to share progress and promote interactions among funded investigators.
- 2) All funded teams will be expected to provide a final report within eight (8) weeks of completion of the funding period
- 3) All funded teams will be expected to acknowledge funding from Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute in presentations and publications.
- 4) All funded teams will be expected to provide information about additional funding obtained as related to the Mental Health Springboard Awards.

**BUDGET AND APPROVALS FORM**

**PI Name:**

**Date:**

**Personnel (please indicate all personnel regardless of funding support through this mechanism)**

<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Effort on Project</b>	<b>Funded Effort</b>	<b>Amount of Support (\$)</b>

**Supplies (do not need to produce itemized lists and individual costs)**

<b>Overall Supply Budget</b>	<b>General Justification</b>

**Services (do not need to produce itemized lists and individual costs)**

<b>Overall Service Budget</b>	<b>General Justification</b>

**Other (may not include travel, meetings, publications)**

<b>Overall Other Budget</b>	<b>General Justification</b>

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**Approvals required before starting the project:**

<b>Approval type (check all that apply)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Division or program head to support 10% of award [ ]	Division/Program Head Name: Comments:
IRB [ ]	
IACUC [ ]	
IBC [ ]	
Data access [ ]	