



CHEAR Fellowship - FAQs

Q: How does the funding work?

A: For physician fellows, the fellowship program will cover tuition for the Master's program, research support, mentorship, office space, and pediatric fellowship seminars. The subspecialty division will support the salary and benefits.

For PhD fellows, the fellowship program will cover research support, mentorship, office space, pediatric fellowship seminars, coursework as needed, salary, and benefits. PhD postdoctoral fellows will be sponsored by a CHEAR faculty or CHEAR-affiliated faculty member with 50% of the funding supported by the faculty member through externally funded research grants or discretionary funds and 50% supported through the fellowship program.

Q: I am currently interviewing for a pediatric subspecialty fellowship at the University of Michigan and also interested in the CHEAR Fellowship program. When should I apply for the CHEAR fellowship?

A: Please let us know as early as possible of your interest in the CHEAR Fellowship. We can consider applications in the year prior to the fellowship start date (e.g., early 2022 application for July 2023 start date). Physician fellows will typically complete the CHEAR Fellowship in Years 2-3 of the subspecialty fellowship.

Q: [For U-M Pediatrics Division Directors] Our division has a new faculty member who plans to pursue the Master's in Health and Health Care Research, can this individual join the fellowship program?

A: Yes, we welcome individuals interested in pursuing advanced training in pediatric health services research. We would encourage the new faculty member to submit an application so that we can assign an appropriate mentorship team and would be pleased to include them in the next cohort.

Q: I am applying for a pediatric psychology fellowship. How will my funding work?

A: Pediatric psychology fellows will apply for either stipend coverage or a tuition scholarship for the master's program, but not both. If the fellowship program is covering a stipend, 50% of the funding will be supported by the sponsoring CHEAR faculty or CHEAR-affiliated faculty member through externally funded research grants or discretionary funds and 50% will be supported through the fellowship program.

Q: I will be completing a residency program in general pediatrics, can I apply for the fellowship program?

A: Please contact the CHEAR director or fellowship coordinator for more information regarding general pediatrics candidates.

Q: I won't be completing my residency/dissertation until the summer, can I start the fellowship in September?

A: Yes, we can accommodate both July 1 and September 1 start dates. However, if you are interested in pursuing the Master's in Health and Health Care Research, please note that this program starts in July. We encourage you to discuss any enrollment questions with the CHEAR Director or fellowship coordinator.