



Child Health Evaluation and Research Fellowship

With 15 core research investigators and more than 40 research staff, fellows, and students, the Susan B. Meister Child Health Evaluation and Research Center (CHEAR) at the University of Michigan Medical School is one of the largest child-focused health services research centers in the country. Our work is multidisciplinary, encompassing health services research, epidemiology, health policy, general pediatrics, and pediatric subspecialties. Our research is funded by an array of federal and state agencies, foundations, and other philanthropic organizations. For more information, visit <http://www.chear.org>.

CHEAR is soliciting applications for its post-doctoral research fellowship program in child population health and health services research. The goal of the fellowship is to produce graduates who will make a positive impact in child health. The fellowship is a two-year appointment. Competitive salary commensurate with NIH guidelines and benefits will be provided.

Fellowship Overview

The fellowship program aims to train fellows to conduct impactful child-focused health services research via didactics, structured mentorship, experiential learning through conducting rigorous and ethical research, and professional socialization. Each fellow will develop an individualized learning plan in conjunction with mentors, tailored to the unique learning needs of each fellow. Postdoctoral PhD fellows will work with mentors to develop an individualized learning plan to learn new qualitative and quantitative methods, while clinician fellows generally pursue a Master's degree in [Health and Health Care Research](#), or another degree-awarding program at the School of Public Health, Public Policy, or other relevant school. Funding for this degree will be provided by the fellowship.



Didactics

All fellows will attend the weekly CHEAR seminar series, which includes presentations from internal and external speakers, methods used in pediatric research, skill building workshops, and fellow-led works in progress sessions.



Structured Mentorship

Each fellow will have a primary mentor in the CHEAR Center along with a mentorship committee of 2-3 other faculty members from CHEAR and from other departments at the University of Michigan. Fellows meet regularly with mentors.



Experiential learning through conducting rigorous and ethical research

Fellows will be expected to conduct two research projects. Expected deliverables include abstracts and two first-authored, peer-reviewed articles by the end of fellowship.



Professional Socialization

Fellows will present several work in progress seminars to CHEAR faculty, attend national conferences such as Pediatric Academic Societies and AcademyHealth, and gain opportunities to network through inviting internal and external faculty to speak at CHEAR Seminars.



CHEAR Fellowship Candidate Eligibility

Physicians

The following types of physicians (MD/DO) are eligible to apply:

- Residents: Third-year residents in pediatrics or fourth-year residents in internal medicine / pediatrics, regardless of institution
- Fellows: First-year pediatric subspecialty fellows at the University of Michigan Medical School or incoming fellows who have matched at the University of Michigan. Typically, the CHEAR fellowship is concurrent with the research years of fellowship.
- Faculty: Pediatric physicians who are current or incoming faculty members at the University of Michigan Medical School, regardless of whether they are on the instructional or clinical track

Interested physicians who do not meet the above criteria should contact Sarah Reeves, Director, CHEAR Fellowship Programs (chearfellowship@umich.edu), prior to applying.

Non-physician, non-PhD clinicians

Clinicians other than physicians, including but not limited to nurses, physician assistants, and mental health practitioners, are eligible to apply if they have specific interest in conducting pediatric health services research. These applicants should contact Sarah Reeves, Director, CHEAR Fellowship Programs (chearfellowship@umich.edu), prior to applying.

PhD graduates or candidates

The following individuals are eligible to apply:

- Those who currently hold or will complete by start of fellowship a doctoral degree (PhD or equivalent) in public health, health policy, public policy, decision sciences, management science, economics, or related fields.
- PhD applicants to the UM pediatric psychology fellowship program who wish to combine their fellowship with the CHEAR fellowship.

Application process

Application materials include:

- Fellowship application form, located at <https://chear.org/chear-fellowship>
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae – please clearly define your current status with respect to residency, fellowship, or PhD
- A brief statement describing your background, research interest, and reasons for applying to the fellowship (1,000 words or less)
- One writing sample (e.g., report, published or unpublished manuscript)

Applications to start the two-year fellowship in 2027 are due December 1, 2026. Start dates are flexible (generally July or September).

Please direct questions and application materials to chearfellowship@umich.edu.