



SUSAN B. MEISTER

CHILD HEALTH EVALUATION AND RESEARCH CENTER
MICHIGAN MEDICINE

PEDIATRIC HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP, 2019 & 2020 COHORTS

The **Susan B. Meister Child Health Evaluation and Research Center** at the University of Michigan is soliciting applications from qualified applicants for 2 postdoctoral research fellow positions in health services research (HSR) and policy evaluation for start dates in both July or September 2019 and 2020.

With 17 core research investigators and more than 40 research staff, fellows, and students, the [Center](#) is one of the largest health services research centers focused on children. We conduct research and training in child health outcomes and health policy across several core research themes, such as data science, emerging technologies, outcomes research, policy, and communications. Our work is multidisciplinary, encompassing health services research, epidemiology, health policy, general pediatrics and pediatric subspecialties. We collaborate with more than 10 schools and colleges across the University of Michigan (U-M) campus as well as across multiple departments within the U-M Medical School. Our research is funded by a diverse array of federal agencies (NIH, AHRQ, CDC, PCORI, HRSA), state agencies, foundations, and other philanthropic organizations. We are committed to being a policy resource, and to this end have a long history of collaboration with the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate state public health programs and initiatives.

The pediatric health services research fellowship is a two-year appointment. Competitive salary commensurate with NIH guidelines and benefits will be provided.

Fellowship Training: The fellowship program aims to train physician and PhD postdoctoral fellows in child-focused health services research, through:

- building a solid and multifaceted academic research foundation;
- experience in the conduct of highly rigorous research;
- the conduct of ethically sensitive research;
- an individualized program with a supportive mentorship team.

For both MD and PhD fellows, the training program incorporates the core components of coursework, research opportunities, professional socialization, and teaching opportunities. Physician fellows can pursue a master's degree, if desired, with options being the Master's degree in [Health and Health Care Research](#) or the Master's degree in [Clinical Research Design and Statistical Analysis](#) (OJOC - On Job On Campus program).

Candidate Eligibility: Physicians are eligible to apply if they are: 1) Third-year pediatrics residents or pediatricians who have completed residency, and are applying for a pediatric subspecialty fellowship at the University of Michigan; or 2) Current first-year pediatric subspecialty fellows at the University of Michigan.

Candidates are also eligible to apply if they: 1) Currently hold a doctoral degree (PhD or equivalent) in public health, health policy, public policy, decision sciences, management science, economics, or related fields; or 2) Will receive such a doctoral degree by the summer of 2019. We also welcome applicants who are applying jointly to the U-M Pediatric Psychology fellowship program.



All requirements of the PhD, or equivalent terminal degree, must be completed before the post-doctoral research fellow appointment can begin. For physician applicants, candidates must either be applying for or currently enrolled in a University of Michigan pediatric subspecialty fellowship training program.

Candidate Selection: Candidates will be evaluated based on their previous academic or professional achievements and demonstrated interest in the field of child health research.

Research Topics: Pediatric health services research fellows are expected to collaborate on established projects and are encouraged to conduct independent research relating to pediatric health services research and/or policy evaluation with an emphasis on study inception, manuscript writing, and applying for grants. The Center's resources and collaborative support enable post-doctoral fellows to build their own research programs.

For PhD fellows only, the following research topic areas represent high priority topics but any topic will be considered that is compatible with research being pursued within the Center:

- population health informatics applied to pediatric health services research
- application and development of new approaches for valuing child health (economic evaluation/cost-effectiveness analysis)
- pediatric end-stage organ disease and solid organ transplant
- transition from pediatric to adult health care
- adherence to medical regimens
- disparities and equity
- immunization policy, financing or delivery
- Medicaid policy

Application Process: Candidates should submit:

- Fellowship application form;
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae – please define clearly your current status with respect to residency, fellowship, or PhD;
- A brief statement describing your goals and proposed research interests for the fellowship (1,000 words or less);
- One writing sample (e.g., report, unpublished manuscript, published paper, etc); and
- Two letters of reference

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. All application materials (including recommendation letters) should be submitted to Angela Rose at angmrose@umich.edu. Applications will be considered for both 2019 and 2020 start dates. Application materials can be found here: www.cheer.org/hsr-fellowship.

Please contact Dr. Lisa Prosser, Fellowship Director, with any questions at lisapros@umich.edu.