2019-2020 FOCUS Medical Student Fellowship (MSF) Opportunity
Funded, Full-time, Medical Student Fellowship Related to Improving Maternal Morbidity and Mortality

Johnson & Johnson – FOCUS Medical Student Fellowship
Award in Women’s Health focused on Improving Maternal Morbidity and Mortality

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
Deadline: May 13, 2019

Who Can Apply: Any University of Pennsylvania medical students (male or female) who have completed their clinical clerkships are eligible and encouraged to apply! Applicants, however, must not have any additional funding simultaneous with the 6 months that they plan to dedicate to this Fellowship.

FOCUS on Health & Leadership for Women (FOCUS), a Perelman School of Medicine program based in Penn’s Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, invites applications from Penn medical students for the following:

Funded six-month fellowship experience at Johnson & Johnson:
• Johnson & Johnson sponsored FOCUS Fellowship, an opportunity to do full time work related to improving maternal morbidity and mortality. Some travel will be expected as part of the fellowship.

*The six months dedicated toward this research need not be continuous; however students must map out a clear plan in advance indicating the time blocks that will be devoted to the project and which must total a full six months. Note that students may do this six-month Fellowship as part of a full Year-Out.

The purpose of the FOCUS Fellowship is to enable medical students to learn "hands-on" research and collaborative skills, experience the multitude of factors that influence maternal morbidity and mortality; and have networking opportunities to learn more about possible future career opportunities after residency training. This initiative would offer two medical students funding for 6 months to work full-time with Johnson & Johnson conducting research or completing a project related to improving maternal morbidity and mortality. We encourage any interested students to apply now. Students may apply for consideration by using the application requirements that follow.

Specifics to Apply for the Fellowship
Eligibility: Any University of Pennsylvania medical students (male and female) who have completed their clinical clerkships are eligible and encouraged to apply. Applicants, however, must not have any additional funding simultaneous with the 6 months that they plan to dedicate to this Fellowship.

Funding: A monthly stipend of $1,250 will be provided to student recipients, totaling $7500 for the six-month fellowship term. These FOCUS funds may be applied to a 6 month period of a longer research experience whose remaining time is supported from other sources.

Credit & Requirements: This Fellowship opportunity has been designed to be a scholarly pursuit rather than a work-study experience. Medical students who complete the Fellowship will fulfill the Scholarly Pursuit requirement (3 credits). This experience will be graded on a pass/fail basis and will be recorded on the student transcript. A progress report will be required midway in the fellowship period, and a final report will be due at the completion of the six-month experience. Students will be expected to convene at three Fellowship luncheon research meetings to discuss their projects with the FOCUS Directors and mentors and deliver a formal presentation of their respective research at the final meeting.

Time Line: Deadline for Applications is May 13, 2019. We will contact finalists starting May 14th to schedule interviews for the week of Jun. 3rd through Jun. 7th. Winners will be announced by July 1st. The fellowship may begin as early as August 2019.
Application Requirements (Deadline: May 13, 2019)
Please deliver two hard copies (no faxes, please) of your application packet (excluding transcript) and also send a copy electronically and include all of the following information:

1. Your contact information (name, address, cell phone number, pager, email address, and preferred method of contact)
2. Your CV
3. An official copy of your transcript (must come directly from either Academic Programs or the Registrar)
4. A description (no longer than 700 words) that includes any past research or community experience related to women’s health and your reasons for applying for an intensive opportunity focused on improving maternal morbidity and mortality at this point in your medical education
5. Names (including contact information- email and phone) of two references

Please deliver two hard copies of your application by May 13, 2019 to the address below and follow it with an electronic version sent to sprimave@pennmedicine.upenn.edu:
Susan Primavera, Director of Operations
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Questions may be directed to Susan Primavera: sprimave@pennmedicine.edu or 215-898-0947.
Additional FOCUS Fellowship details at: www.med.upenn.edu/focus/StudentFellowships.shtml