Women’s Health Innovation Capstone Fellowship

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology’s Women’s Health Innovation Program has established a new 6-month funded fellowship for University of Pennsylvania medical students following completion of the clinical clerkships. The Women’s Health Innovation Program facilitates the development, testing and implementation of new strategies to reimagine health care delivery, improve patient outcomes, patient and clinician experience, and reduce the cost of care. We believe the best way to make big improvements to patient health and health care delivery is to experiment quickly at low cost, only scaling once we find high impact solutions.

The student will work closely with the Women’s Health Innovation Program Manager and Penn OBGYN faculty – internationally recognized thought leaders, who have direct insights into critical unmet patient, clinician and system needs – to accelerate the design, development, and commercialization of a portfolio of innovation projects. The student will be exposed to the entirety of the innovation project life-cycle, including contextual inquiry, problem identification, rapid validation, and implementation. The Capstone Fellowship provides an exciting opportunity for motivated, creative, entrepreneurial individuals to effect systemic change in women’s health at Penn Medicine and across the healthcare industry.

The Women’s Health Innovation Portfolio is constantly changing. Examples of our work include:

**Heart Safe Motherhood** leverages remote blood pressure management to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality in the immediate postpartum period for women with pregnancy-related hypertensive disorders.

**Precision Medicine** seeks to increase the rate of essential genetic testing among newly diagnosed ovarian cancer patients through a process of behavior modification and human-centered design.

**Healing at Home** utilizes artificial intelligence technology to support new mothers and infants as they transition from hospital to home during the extended postpartum period.

**Position Details:**

- Full-time 6-month fellowship (1 position)
- August 2020-April 2021; fellowship months may be scheduled non-consecutively
- Monthly stipend of $1250 x 6 months = total $7500 for the fellowship term
- Completion of the 6-month Capstone Fellowship will fulfill the Scholarly Pursuit curriculum requirement as well as 2 elective credits. A pass/fail grade will be recorded on the student transcript.
- Students will work with a mentor to develop an initial project proposal, a mid-fellowship progress report, and a final written report and oral presentation to the OBGYN departmental leadership at the completion of the 6-month term.
- Position is not benefits eligible

**Application Timeline:**

- Deadline for application is May 1, 2020
- Interviews will be scheduled between May 15, 2020 and June 15, 2020
- Final selection will occur by June 30, 2020