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## MFM-PTBi Combined Fellowship

### Overview

Supported in part by a T32 training grant from NICHD, the UCSF Preterm Birth Initiative (PTBi) and the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM), our **combined MFM/PTBi Postdoctoral Transdisciplinary Research Fellowship** allows MFM clinical fellows to dedicate 1- or 2-years to research focused on improving maternal and neonatal outcomes.

Fellows will participate in the [PTBi Postdoctoral Transdisciplinary Research Fellowship Program](#) which prioritizes building a collaborative transdisciplinary culture that is unified in its shared commitment to reproductive justice and community-partnered research. To do this, we create cohorts of scholars from a range of scientific and medical disciplines (such as epidemiology, basic science, social work, community health, MFM, and neonatology) and offer unique insights on policy and advocacy to help fellows translate their research into action.

### Training & curriculum

Fellows are exposed to a wide variety of training and programmatic opportunities, including coursework, seminars, works-in-progress meetings, professional development workshops, and academic and community events. Each trainee works with a mentorship team to ensure academic and professional advancement. Fellows are expected to: (1) complete an original fellowship research project; (2) publish at least one first-authored, peer-reviewed manuscript related to research conducted during the research fellowship; and (3) learn how to prepare and submit grant applications for faculty-level funding, typically a K or other mentored career development award.

A cornerstone of the fellowship program has been the provision of pilot research funds to enable trainees to conduct primary research projects. This research lays the groundwork for subsequent grant proposals.

### Application process

The MFM/PTBi fellowship is open to MFM clinical fellows who are US citizens or permanent residents. Fellows cannot hold a concurrent faculty position. We aim to admit one qualified candidate each cycle. MFM applicants who would like more information on the MFM/PTBi research fellowship should email Nicole Santos, PhD ([nicole.santos@ucsf.edu](mailto:nicole.santos@ucsf.edu)).

### Contact Us

MFM/PTBi fellows work closely with the PTBi Fellowship Director, Dr. Miriam Kuppermann, throughout the fellowship, to support their growth as a clinician scientist. Applicants who are interested in this combined fellowship are encouraged to contact Dr. Kuppermann to discuss their potential interest.

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