



Early Relational Health Scholarship Opportunity

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The Mass. PPD Fund and the UMass Chan Medical School Fellowship in Early Relational Health are proud to announce a scholarship opportunity for the Fellowship's next cohort beginning this September. To further its mission to increase perinatal mental health resources in underserved communities, the Mass. PPD Fund will offer **five full scholarships** to the 2022-2024 cohort of this world-renowned Fellowship.

The UMass Chan ERH Fellowship is an exceptional, comprehensive 18-month hybrid training program in early relational health research, theory, assessment, and relationship-based interventions. The mission of the Fellowship is to enhance the knowledge base of professionals supporting society's most vulnerable children and families, understanding cutting edge assessments and 2-generation dyadic relationship-based interventions that improve the mental health and well-being of caregivers and close the gap in young children's development and provide resilience to overcome adversities from trauma, poverty, and systemic racism. This dynamic, interdisciplinary group of Fellows learn from world-luminaries in the field in both in-person and remote learning sessions over the course of 18 months.



The Mass. PPD Fund is a state-based nonprofit working to improve communities' capacity to address Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders (PMADs) through raising awareness, training, and systems change.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen by a Mass. PPD Fund Scholarship Committee and the Fund's Board based on their demonstrated ability and commitment to serve the perinatal population, and specifically areas/populations with significant unmet need, including geographically, and with respect to language, race and ethnicity, and income status of patients/clients. Priority will be given to Massachusetts providers.

To be considered, scholarship applicants must initiate their Fellowship application process with an interview, and send a copy of their application form (Click on "How to Apply") along with a brief statement (2-3 paragraphs) describing their commitment to the perinatal population and to underserved communities to Mass. PPD Fund Executive Director Jessie Colbert at jcolbert@massppdfund.org by September 6., 2022. The application fee will be waived for all scholarship applicants.

Note: scholarship awards are pending grant funding. Accepted Fellows who have applied for this scholarship will be encouraged to begin the program on September 22 prior to scholarship award notification with no fee, and will be notified about their award as soon as possible.

Questions? Contact Jessie Colbert at the Mass. PPD Fund at jcolbert@massppdfund.org.