

Partial scholarship will reward commitment to maternal and child health

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Students applying to the Maternal Child Health (MCH) Master's in Public Health (MPH) program have something new to get excited about.

Students who would enter the MCH master's program this fall are now eligible for a brand new, partial-tuition scholarship. The Excellence in Maternal and Child Health Scholarship will award \$25,000 toward MPH tuition to one selected student who plans to focus their studies and public health career on families, moms, babies, children, and adolescents.

The MCH field is extremely diverse, encompassing the health of women, infants, children, adolescents, and families across the lifespan in local, national, and international settings. Tulane's MCH program provides graduates with leadership skills, sensitivity to cultural diversity, and an education in the sociocultural, behavioral, biologic, and policy issues that impact the health of the MCH population.

Both current students and alumni of the MCH program at Tulane have praised the supportive environment and the diversity of interests found not only in the Department of Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences, but also in the program itself.

"With a concentration in Maternal and Child Health, I'm given the opportunity to have daily interactions with faculty, staff, and students with a genuine interest in creating a healthier future for not only women and children, but families and society as a whole," says Raven Cedeno, a first-year graduate student in the MCH MPH program.

“The MCH program was the most vital component of my MPH experience. From supportive mentorship, to communication style assessments, to networking tips, the MCH MPH program prepared me to enter the public health workforce as the very best version of my professional self,” says Miranda Pollock, a MCH MPH alumnus now working as a project coordinator at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

Any student who applies to the MPH MCH program through SOPHAS to and is offered admission to Tulane SPHTM will be considered for the scholarship. There is no extra paperwork involved. Completed applications, however, must be received in the SOPHAS system by March 31, 2018.

The scholarship recipient will be selected by a committee consisting of MCH faculty and staff who will make their decision on the basis of the student’s research or career interests, prior accomplishments, and evident commitment to maternal and child health.

For more information about the MPH in Maternal and Child Health, visit www.sph.tulane.edu/gchb/mph-mch. To read the official call for scholarship applications, go to mchtulane.wordpress.com.