



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Center for Women's Health Research

a National Center of Excellence in Women's Health

BIRCWH Program

Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health

Program Description. The Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) Scholars Program at the University of Wisconsin (UW) has two linked goals which are: 1) to increase the diversity of academic leaders in the field of Women's Health (WH); and 2) to promote research to reduce existing disparities in health status and health outcomes in diverse populations of women. Diverse and talented applicants will be provided with dual scientific mentorship with established investigators in both biomedical and behavioral/social sciences; a 2-3 year didactic curriculum (biostatistics and study design, ethics, leadership/management, presentation and teaching, and scientific writing); and individual guidance in a safe environment that values diversity. Scholars will be integrated into the thriving interdisciplinary WH research network at UW. This will provide scholars with role models as well as cutting edge research opportunities; thus, fostering their careers as academicians, scientists, and leaders. These future leaders in academic medicine will play a major role in improving the health and health care of all women, pushing forward the frontiers of WH research, and framing the WH research agenda of the future. The BIRCWH Scholars Program is the perfect complement to the existing training and career development programs in women's health research.

Eligibility. **Before you apply, please note the following eligibility criteria.** Clinical Research Scholars must:

1. Have a clinical doctorate or PhD degree or its equivalent.
2. Have completed a residency or fellowship training (or its equivalent).
3. Be committed to a career in basic, clinical or translational research in women's health.
4. Be willing to spend **75 percent of full-time effort** conducting didactic training, research, career development and/or research related activities.
5. Devote a minimum of two years to the BIRCWH program.
6. Be a U.S. citizen or non-citizen national, or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence and possess an Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-151 or I-551) or some other verification of legal admission as a permanent resident.

Reasons for ineligibility:

1. Individuals who are or have been a Principal Investigator on mentored career development grants (e.g., K-series) or with substantial independent funding (e.g., R01, R29, P01, P50, P60, U54) or other equivalent research grant awards are ineligible.
2. Non citizens or temporary or student visas are not eligible.
3. Cannot simultaneously participate in clinical fellowships leading to clinical certification.

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