UCSF Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Preterm Birth

DEADLINE | DECEMBER 1, 2014
The Preterm Birth Initiative (PTBi) is a transdisciplinary biological, clinical, and social research initiative led by the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) that invests in innovative discovery, implementation, and knowledge transfer efforts to reduce the global burden of preterm birth through a set of parallel, population-based implementation platforms in Northern California USA and geographically defined sites in several select developing countries. These locally-focused, community-driven “learning-labs” aim to reduce overall PTB and infant mortality rates as well as birth outcome inequities among the poorest and most underserved, informed by the contexts, incentives, and barriers specific to each affected geographic community. Research ranges from basic, translational, clinical and implementation science and policy and knowledge transfer approaches to the problem of PTB. Furthermore, the PTBi has adopted a life-course approach to decreasing the burden of preterm delivery by focusing preconception, prenatal and intrapartum periods; and finally, to enhance outcomes for infants born prematurely.

The guiding principles of this Initiative are to maintain balance between discovery/implementation/knowledge dissemination work with a focus on delivery (getting new and existing solutions to the women and children who need them most) that result in impact; to partner directly with affected communities to identify the most successful solutions; and to mentor and promote scholarship among new/early-stage investigators and community-based participatory research opportunities. The PTBi will support several approaches to attract new minds to the field of prematurity research; a tailored non-accredited post-doctoral fellowship in prematurity will provide a unique opportunity to build capacity in this field. For more information: http://bit.ly/1f7y0p7.

Fellowship Goal
To develop the next generation of transdisciplinary researchers at UCSF focused on decreasing the global burden of preterm birth.

Program Components
Tailored to meet the needs of each fellow:

- Academic, leadership and research training
- Conduct of research—funding provided
- Mentorship—transdisciplinary approach
- Clinical experience, if applicable

Eligibility
- Medicine with completed Obstetrics & Gynecology, Pediatrics, Medicine, and/or Preventive Medicine residencies, OR
- Completed subspecialty fellowships (Infectious Disease, Maternal Fetal Medicine, etc.), OR
- Nursing with completed doctoral training, OR
- PhDs in other disciplines (e.g., Immunology, Microbiology, Pharmacology, Health Economics, Health Communications, Anthropology, etc.)
- Open to US and non-US citizens
Fellowship Details

**Length of fellowship:**
- Allow for maximal flexibility (2-3 years preferred; 1-year may be considered)

**Number of fellows:**
- 1-2 fellows for inaugural year (start date July 2015)

**Contact information:**
Dr. Craig Cohen  
Professor, Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences  
University of California San Francisco  
craig.cohen@ucsf.edu

**UCSF PTBi Fellowship Application Materials**
- Current CV  
- 1-page personal statement, including justification for 1, 2, or 3 years of support  
- 1/2 page description about why you want to train and remain at UCSF or at one of our selected global geographic partner sites post-fellowship  
- 2-page research concept focused on decreasing the burden of preterm birth, including brief specific aims, significance, innovation and proposed approach  
- 1/2 page stipulating which advanced academic training program you would want to join as part of the fellowship ([Advanced Training in Clinical Research](http://example.com), [MPH at UC Berkeley](http://example.com), [Masters in Global Health](http://example.com), [Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program](http://example.com), etc.)  
- Three letters of reference  
- Copy of medical, nursing or other clinical degree (if applicable)  
- Writing Examples (if any)  
- Proof of citizenship or residency (US), or Visa status to work in the US for non-US citizens/residents

*To apply, please submit the Fellowship application materials listed above (preferably in a single PDF file) to Hannah Park, Director of Operations, UCSF PTBi ([hannah.park2@ucsf.edu](mailto:hannah.park2@ucsf.edu)) by 11:59 PM PST on December 1, 2014. Upon receipt of your application, you will receive a confirmation message.*