



Stanford University

Clinical Excellence Research Center

“Better Health, Less Spending”

Clinical Excellence Research Center (2018-19): Application Information

Stanford University’s Clinical Excellence Research Center (CERC) design fellowship provides an opportunity to gain knowledge, skills, and experience in value-based health care delivery innovation. We seek early-career aspiring innovators from diverse backgrounds – healthcare, social sciences, behavioral and management sciences, and engineering - who have the potential to become leaders in the design of higher value healthcare.

Working in multi-disciplinary teams, fellows design new care models for a given health condition associated with substantial disability and health spending. The design goal is an innovative health care delivery model built to maximally lower population wide health spending while improving quality and experience of care. Throughout the year, fellows go through a disciplined process based in human centered design methodology to create these care models. The process includes a methodical review of the literature, observations and interviews with patients and providers at health systems identified as vanguards on the value frontier, the study of processes and systems in other industries and fields, exposure to use of cutting edge information and communications technologies to support care innovation, and rapid iteration design cycles with the input of a panel of expert advisors.

Subsequent to care model design, the fellows gain experience presenting to health system leaders across the country and in describing their models to the scientific community through the preparation of a manuscript.

CERC is directed by Arnold Milstein, MD, MPH, Professor of Medicine and national leader in the acceleration of clinical service innovations that improve the societal value of health care. Along with Dr. Milstein, Terry Platchek, MD, Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine and a national leader in healthcare performance improvement directs the fellowship. Additional faculty and mentors are drawn primarily from Stanford’s schools of Medicine, Engineering, and Business and from a collaborating health economic research center at Harvard Medical School. Distinguished national guest faculty and visiting scholars also participate in the training and ongoing mentorship of fellows.

Fellows will complete an 11-month program that begins in August 2018. Fellows are expected to devote a minimum of 80% of their time exclusively to fellowship activities during their fellowship period. Admissions are on a rolling basis; candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. For further information and to apply, please contact Zoe Richardson, CERC’s Fellowship Coordinator, at cercinquiry@stanford.edu. Applicants, please include your CV and a cover letter explaining your interest. For additional information, please visit <http://cerc.stanford.edu/>.