

**Steve Caritis Endowed Obstetrics Research Fund
for Residents and Fellows at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital
*Grant Request Application***

Project Title:

Principal Investigator:

General terms: This mechanism is designed for projects directly related to obstetrics research. Applicants must be an Obstetrics and Gynecology resident or a fellow at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital. Among fellows, preference will be given to MFM fellows but consideration will also be given to Magee fellows in specialties other than MFM as long as the proposed research is focused on Obstetrics.

Applications must be received by April 15th. The grant award(s) will be announced in June and funds will be available on July 1. Approximately \$20,000 will be available annually. Requests for smaller amounts are encouraged so that multiple projects can be supported. These funds may only be used for expenses pertaining to research activities. Expenses may include, but not limited to, lab supplies, patient recruitment, data analytics, etc. These funds are not to be used for faculty salary support, books, classes publication costs, or travel expenses.

Award recipient is required to provide a written report every 6 months of their progress towards the proposed goals of the project as well as a final report.

Process for Funding Requests:

Research proposal: may not exceed three pages (Arial, 11point, single space).

- Brief abstract (up to 20 lines)
- Hypothesis and aims that define the significance/importance of the problem
- Innovation and novelty
- Experimental design (that may include preliminary data, if available)
- Project timeline
- Budget and justification

Not included in the 3-page limit:

- IACUC or IRB protocol (if applicable), required before funding begins.
- References: up to one single-sided page.
- NIH bio-sketch of mentor
- Letter from faculty mentor outlining their commitment to the project and support of the trainee.

Applications should be sent in one PDF file to the MFM Division Director, Dr. Arundhathi Jeyabalan.