



## **New York State Centers of Excellence in Children's Environmental Health Call for Applicants: Pediatric Environmental Health Scholars Program**

**Start Date: As early as January 2018 (and on a rolling basis)**

The New York State Centers of Excellence in Children's Environmental Health are pleased to announce a call for applicants for Pediatric Environmental Health Scholars. Our networks of Centers, located in seven medical centers across New York State, is dedicated to protecting and improving the environmental health of New York's children through clinical, educational and community-based initiatives.

**Focus:** The primary focus of the training program is to train future leaders in children's environmental health, emphasizing primary prevention efforts and strategies to promote healthy environments on a policy level throughout New York State. Trainees will benefit from expert mentorship from faculty, community partners and local/state public health agencies across the Network.

**Scholars will be based at one of the following Centers:** Albany Medical Center, Buffalo Regional Children's Environmental Health Center, Syracuse Upstate Children's Environmental Health Center, Rochester Finger Lakes Children's Environmental Health Center, Westchester Children's Environmental Health Center of the Hudson Valley, and the Center of Excellence in Children's Environmental Health at Stony Brook/Northwell.

### **Selected Scholars will:**

- Collaborate with leading experts in the fields of environmental health, environmental pediatrics, toxicology, epidemiology, and risk assessment on important current and emerging environmental health issues in NY.
- Participate in work on cross-cutting population-based environmental health interventions.
- Collaborate with community organizations and promote initiatives to improve the health of all NY children.
- Gain expertise in risk communication and provide sound, evidence-based counseling about how to prevent and reduce environmental exposures to families and communities.
- Participate in educational activities to expand their knowledge in environmental public health.
- Provide mentorship to trainees (students, residents) participating in elective programs.

**Eligibility:** Professionals in the health field, with a strong interest in children's environmental health are encouraged to apply. We are seeking diverse applicants from a variety of training backgrounds (e.g., MD, DO, RN, SW, PhD, MPH etc.) and varied experiences in the medical, public health, or social service fields.

**Anticipated start date/duration:** Can be as early as January 2018; applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and additional scholars may start at a later date. The duration of training can be 1-2 years, and can be full-time or part-time.

**How to Apply:** Please complete the attached application and also include curriculum vitae (CV) and up to three letters of recommendations for consideration. **Please direct any questions and email your application with the Subject Line: Pediatric Environmental Health Scholars Program to the attention of Marisela Bolanos at: [pehsu@mssm.edu](mailto:pehsu@mssm.edu)**

*Mount Sinai Hospital and Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai are equal opportunity/affirmative action employers. Women and minority candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.*

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### Pediatric Environmental Health Scholars Application

1. Explain why you are interested in the program (limit: 250 words).
2. Explain previous training or participation in children's environmental health issues (limit: 250 words)
3. What do you hope to gain from the training? How do you intend to apply the experience to your future career? (limit: 250 words)
4. If currently known by the applicant: what potential Center of Excellence do you intend to serve as your primary site? (If not known by applicant, the Network Coordinating Center at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai is happy to assist with connecting applicants to potential partner sites. Please reach out to us at [pehsu@mssm.edu](mailto:pehsu@mssm.edu) prior to submitting your application.).
  - a. Have you identified a primary mentor(s)?
  - b. Does the host Center have any matching funding for your position?
  - c. Are you currently employed at the primary site?
  - d. How many hours per week (or %FTE) do you propose to focus on Children's Environmental Health activities?
  - e. What are your proposed start and end dates?
5. The Network will focus on key areas:
  - Incorporating environmental health (EH) into routine child medical care (screening tool for EH issues)
  - EH training of healthcare professionals (Project ECHO: Telementoring Program)
  - Development and implementation of sustainable clinical EH services (Outpatient, Inpatient, Telehealth)
  - Public policy and advocacy
  - Community partnerships

Please rank these areas from 1 (highest interest) to 5 (lowest interest), and describe your experience and interest in each key area.

6. If applicable, for those who have identified a primary site, please submit a proposed budget that outlines salary support and training-related expenses. No additional salary support is available beyond trainees' salary.