

MHTF 2026-2027 Position: Research Assistant

Application Deadline: September 25, 2026, 5 PM ET

The Maternal Health Task Force is an organization and platform at the Harvard Chan School with a global audience that identifies, discusses, and disseminates quality maternal health research. We are looking for two HSPH students to join our team as Research Assistants (RAs). Ideally, the students would start in September 2026 (5 hours per week).

We are looking for students who are passionate about maternal health, research dissemination, and health communications. The ideal candidates are strong writers and communicators who can translate complex maternal health research and knowledge into engaging, accessible content for audiences beyond academia.

The **Social Media-Focused RA** will primarily manage MHTF's social media and digital communications channels, including X, Instagram, and Facebook. The **Writing-Focused RA** will primarily support MHTF's research dissemination and long-form content, including our Buzz, blog, and podcast.

The RAs will work closely with Sonia Chang (MS '25), who currently runs MHTF under the direction of Dr. Henning Tiemeier. To learn more about our work, see mhtf.org.

Commitment: September 2026 – May 2027, with possibility for extension, 5 hours per week

Responsibilities:

- Attend regular team meetings to coordinate work.
- Support podcast content development, such as researching topics, developing episode ideas, identifying potential guests, and supporting podcast interviews.
- **Social Media-Focused RA**
 - o Develop social media content for Buzz, blogs, podcasts, and other maternal health topics.
 - o Manage all MHTF social media platforms.
- **Writing-Focused RA**
 - o Support MHTF's bi-weekly research dissemination newsletter, Buzz.
 - o Write and edit MHTF blogs on maternal research or topics.

Qualifications:

- Incoming graduate student at HSPH
- Skilled, detail-oriented writer
- Familiarity or strong interest in maternal health research topics and methods
- Ability to translate complex research and scientific findings into clear, engaging, and accessible language
- Ability to work independently and keep to regular deadlines

- Committed to staying in this role for the duration of the school year
- **Social Media-Focused RA**
 - o Ability to learn social media management software (Buffer) and design tools such as Canva.
 - o Strong interest in digital content creation, storytelling, and social media.
- **Writing-Focused RA**
 - o Ability to learn communications software (MailChimp).
 - o Strong interest in writing, storytelling, and communicating research through different formats.

Preferred:

- Emphasis or strong interest in MCH
- Previous experience with either social media, visual design, podcasts, op-ed writing, journalism, or health communications

To apply, please email us at mhtf@hsph.harvard.edu with your resume and a short cover letter detailing why you're interested in this position and what makes you a good fit for this role by **September 25th, 2026**. Please indicate whether you are interested in the Social Media-Focused or Writing-Focused position, or either.