New Positions Posted!

The PTBi-CA is hiring several key positions! Details can be found on the UCSF Careers Site. Please reference the position numbers listed below to find full job descriptions and to apply.

- **Program Director** will serve as the PTBi-CA’s programmatic and administrative leader to operationalize the Initiative’s place-based research and implementation goals to reduce disparities in preterm birth rates and maternal-child health outcomes. The PD will work collaboratively with UCSF faculty and program partners (public health officers, CBO leaders, community members) to launch and keep PTBi-CA programmatic activities on track across multiple northern CA sites. This will require active management of multiple project work streams across discovery, implementation, and knowledge science; establishing and maintaining effective partnerships with diverse stakeholders; rigorous monitoring and evaluation to capture impact, lessons learned, and best practices; sound financial and administrative stewardship; and a commitment to knowledge dissemination and community partnership. accelerate progress (Position ID# 43712)

- **Academic Coordinator** will be involved in providing program development, coordination, and research support for the PI/Co-PI and PTBi-CA research portfolio overall. The Academic Coordinator (AC) will facilitate and contribute to the research roadmap and plan and implement research strategies and initiatives (click here)

- **Community Engagement Specialist** is responsible for working collaboratively with stakeholders across San Francisco, Alameda and Fresno counties to engage with local communities to learn more about prematurity, healthy pregnancy, and PTBi research opportunities. The CES will support a multi-site community advisory board (CAB) and coordinate a Community Leaders program with the SF-DPH. (Position ID# 43764)

- **Communications Specialist** is responsible for developing and managing communications and social media content for public relations, messaging, outreach, and internal and external communications both domestic and global (California and East Africa). This position requires strong writing, communication, and organizational skills to connect effectively with a diverse set of stakeholders and includes developing website content, publications, electronic communications, newsletters, digital storytelling efforts, and marketing materials. (Position ID# 43766)

- **Project Assistant** will provide 50% administrative support for PTBi’s “C3” (Communication, Collaboration, and Capacity Building) component, which aims to advance the worldwide PTB research agenda and links the two PTBi arms (California and East Africa) through events/meetings, innovative dissemination of information, and novel training programs. The remaining 50% of this role supports the larger PTBi-CA portfolio and provides executive-level administrative support for PTBi-CA’s Management Team (Position ID# 43756)
What is the UCSF Preterm Birth Initiative (PTBi)?

The UCSF Preterm Birth Initiative—California (PTBi-CA) is an innovative multi-year research initiative funded by Lynne and Marc Benioff that aims to better understand chronic stressors and protective factors in mothers and babies, particularly among low income African American women and Latinas in San Francisco, Alameda, and Fresno counties, who are at increased risk for preterm birth.

We aim to gain a better understanding of the mechanisms that drive biological and social determinants of prematurity and to learn why existing effective strategies and interventions are not implemented to scale. In parallel, we aim to develop and test new and innovative ways to combat prematurity.

At its core, PTBi challenges the ‘silos’ that often plague traditional medical research, typically focused on single causes or treatments, disconnected from patients’ real-life circumstances. Via a Cell-to-Society approach, the PTBi will catalyze its research and programs through strategic partnerships with departments of health, community-based organizations and academic institutions across northern California and beyond.

To help close the gap on birth-outcome disparities, PTBi’s community-based participatory model emphasizes the patient as a partner in research, and additionally harnesses the power of collective impact — an approach that brings together health, social service, and government sectors; community-based organizations; faith-based groups; and others to work together, rather than in isolation, to reduce preterm birth rates at the population level.

You can learn more about the goals of the PTBi-CA in this short video. (https://youtu.be/hC-tJPflVvc)

Join Us in January!

We are working on an important topic/discussants for our next Collaboratory meeting and will send out the date and place shortly!! We look forward to seeing you regularly for these monthly interactive learning seminars examining issues related to prematurity through a cross-disciplinary, multi-sector perspective to inspire innovative new ideas!