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Recently, a team of Graduate Center researchers won a prestigious award from the National Institute of Health.

Hunter College Professor Anita Raja and MS students Adam Catto, Daniel Mallia, and Alisa Leshchenko (who work in Professor Raja’s Distributed Artificial Intelligence Research (DAIR) Lab at the GC) joined collaborators from Columbia University to tackle the NIH’s Decoding Maternal Morbidity Challenge. The goal of the challenge was to come up with new ways of analyzing data to identify factors that impact maternal morbidity in order to help clinicians treat pregnancy-related conditions.

The team was awarded a $50,000 prize for innovation.


This project builds off of the work that was seeded by Professor Raja’s NIH Grant to study the “Prediction of Preterm Birth in Nulliparous Women.”