

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A NON-ENDOWED FUND

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GLOBAL HEALTH STUDENT BUILDER FUND – ADVANCEMENTS IN GLOBAL HEALTH STUDENTSHIP

PURPOSE OF FUND

The Global Health Student Builder (GHSB) Fund aims to promote student involvement in global health by expanding support for global health initiatives and education, thus fostering collaboration among faculty, UGME students and communities that face global health challenges.

The program will support initiatives that contribute to global health by studying and reducing health disparities and strengthening human capital in Canada and worldwide. The GHSB Fund will also help support the uOttawa UGME Global Health concentration by providing opportunities for students enrolled in it.

FUND DETAILS

The GHSB Fund supports three scholarship programs:

1. Advancements in Global Health Studentship (AGHS)
2. Global Health Conference Participation Program (GHCPP)
3. Global Health Elective Program (GHEP)

Note: Students can receive funding from each program only once during their undergraduate medical education.

ADVANCEMENTS IN GLOBAL HEALTH STUDENTSHIP

The Advancements in Global Health Studentship program seeks to bring together the University's global health community and expand its outreach to international partners, as well as provide opportunities for students, faculty and communities that face global health challenges.

The program supports projects that contribute to the advancement of health equity and global health and align with the Global Health Program's mandate.

Project eligibility

To be eligible, projects should seek to (1) improve our understanding of or our actions to address health challenges in low- and middle-income country settings; (2) focus on transnational issues, determinants or solutions (e.g. climate change, migration, globalization); or (3) advance global health education. Both faculty and students are eligible to apply. Project activities can be based locally (in Ottawa) or internationally.

The program will provide funding to MD students for travel and work related to the projects. Professors and students are encouraged to contact the Global Health Program to see if their project qualifies for funding. The final decision on project funding will be made by the Global Health Advisory Committee, in accordance with the following principles:

- **Relevance:** The project addresses one or more areas of global health focus outlined in the eligibility criteria above.
- **Impact on students:** The project will have a positive impact on participating students, leading to improved knowledge and competence in global health.
- **Scientific merit:** The project has a clear objective, is well-designed and uses appropriate methods and approaches.
- **Feasibility:** The project can be successfully completed within the allotted timeframe.
- **Equity:** The project demonstrates a commitment to ethical global health principles in its design and, if applicable, its engagement with communities and/or partners.

Potential project areas

- research
- education
- capacity building
- health equity
- public health
- health law, policy and ethics

STUDENTSHIP DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

1. be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, a person with protected or refugee status, or an international student;
2. be enrolled as a full-time student in the first or second year of the MD program at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Ottawa;
3. submit a proposal for a project that contributes to the advancement of global health through innovative approaches to global health challenges and improvements in global health education.
 - The project must include 240 hours of work (equivalent to six weeks of full-time work) and be carried out between June and August.
 - For projects abroad or in Canada (outside of the Ottawa Valley), at least four of the six weeks (28 days) must be spent on site.
 - The student and the student's supervisor(s) can determine the exact schedule.
 - Students undertaking international global health electives must meet all post-elective requirements, as per current UGME policy.
4. Students must present their work at a uOttawa poster presentation and are encouraged to present at a global health conferences.
 - If students are accepted to present their work at a conference, additional funding for travel and registration may be available.

Value of the award:

\$5,000 for a project involving travel within Canada or abroad

\$2,500 for a project based in the Ottawa valley.

Note: A total amount of \$12,500 can be awarded each academic year

Number of awards:	Variable (depends on the number of applicants and the funds available)
Frequency of the award:	Annual
Level or program of study:	UGME
Application contact:	International and Global Health Office (IGHO)
Project submission deadline:	November 15
Deadline to apply to participate in a selected project:	January 3

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Project proposals and applications must be submitted to the Global Health Program coordinator at the International and Global Health Office (IGHO). Projects can be submitted by:

- UGME students who have a professor who has agreed to supervise and mentor the project.
- Professors
 - Project proposals submitted by professors must include a brief outline, including the student's proposed activities.
 - Selected projects will be posted by the IGHO for students to apply. The faculty project lead will then interview and select a student to work on the project.