

## Global Child Health Fellowship Call for Applicants – 2025/2026

The [Centre for Global Child Health \(C-GCH\)](#) at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), which was established in 2013 and functions as the hub for all global health activities at SickKids, is recruiting exceptional fellows for the **Global Child Health Fellowship** training program.

**The deadline to apply is June 30, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. EDT.**

**Fellows will be expected to start on or before July 2, 2026.**

### Program Description

The Global Child Health Fellowship program aims to prepare candidates for careers in global health by developing leadership and scholarly skills in global health research or capacity building. Successful applicants will play a lead role in the design, implementation, and analysis or evaluation of research or capacity building projects that cover a wide range of global health topic areas (e.g., nutrition, child growth and development, oncology, infectious diseases, climate change, microbiome, vaccine development, complex systems and network science, implementation science, health system strengthening, health workforce training, etc.).

All fellows will be provided with global health education and mentorship opportunities throughout the two-year fellowship program. Fellows must be supervised (or co-supervised) by a Core Faculty member at the C-GCH and will be expected to meet four times per year with a supervisory committee that will oversee and evaluate their scholarly progress, in addition to attending regular meetings with their primary supervisor(s). At the time of application, fellows must choose between a scholarly project that focuses on research (Track 1) or capacity building (Track 2); however, all fellows will have the opportunity to gain exposure to both domains of scholarly work. Fellows will be matched with a primary supervisor at the C-GCH based on alignment between the applicant's skills and interests and the availability of a funded scholarly project being led or co-led by C-GCH Core Faculty members.

Fellowships will be based at SickKids, with travel to study/program sites, when appropriate.

Salary support will be provided for the duration of the two-year appointment; however, successful applicants will be expected to apply to scholarship opportunities leading up to and during their fellowship.

The fellowship program consists of two tracks:

#### **Track 1: Research Fellowship**

#### **Track 2: Capacity Building Fellowship**

## **Track 1 – Global Child Health Research Fellowship**

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Have completed a doctoral graduate degree in epidemiology, biostatistics, nutritional sciences, public health, biochemistry, microbiology, applied physics, applied mathematics, computer sciences, environmental sciences, geography, demography, nursing, social work, global health or any discipline that can contribute to tackling global health challenges, by the start of the fellowship program; OR, have completed a medical degree (e.g., MD, MBBS, etc.) and specialist certification (or eligibility for certification) (e.g., completion of residency training program, or equivalent) by the start of the fellowship program<sup>a</sup>;
- Have demonstrated exemplary recent scholarship (i.e., first author publications, conference presentations, and/or successful grant applications);
- Have demonstrated a strong interest in the field of global health, or in transitioning from a non-global health area to collaborative global health work.

<sup>a</sup>Physicians who are licensed to practice medicine in Ontario and are associated with a hospital-based clinical program have the option of dedicating 20 per cent of their full-time equivalent (FTE) to clinical responsibilities (and 80 per cent of their FTE to their research). It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to identify and secure clinical placement opportunities.

## **Track 2 – Global Child Health Capacity Building Fellowship**

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Have completed a professional degree in medicine with specialist certification (or eligibility for certification) (e.g., completion of residency training program, or equivalent); OR have a professional degree in nursing, or an accredited allied health program (e.g., speech therapy, physiotherapy, social work, dietetics, etc.) and have completed or have evidence of working towards a masters degree by the start of the fellowship program<sup>b,c</sup>; OR, have completed a masters degree in global health, public health, education, evaluation or related discipline;
- Have experience in the design, implementation, evaluation, coordination, or management health system strengthening and/or health worker training programs;
- Have demonstrated a strong interest in the field of global health, or in transitioning from a non-global health area to collaborative global health work.

<sup>b</sup>Applicants who hold a master's degree or a degree in nursing or an accredited allied health program must be legally authorized to work in Canada to be considered eligible for this program. Applicants with a medical degree (or equivalent) are eligible to apply to the fellowship program, regardless of their legal status to work in Canada.

<sup>c</sup>Physicians, nurses, and other allied health professionals who are licensed to practice clinically in Ontario and are associated with a hospital-based clinical program have the option of dedicating 20 per cent of their FTE to clinical responsibilities (and 80 per cent of their FTE to their capacity building scholarly work). It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to identify and secure clinical placement opportunities.

### **How to apply**

The following documents are required to apply to Track 1 and Track 2 of the Global Child Health fellowship program:

- Completed application form
- Current Curriculum Vitae

- Letter of intent (two pages, single-spaced **maximum**)
  - The letter of intent (LOI) should highlight the applicant's education, scholarly activities, and professional experiences, emphasizing how their training and work has contributed to, or has the potential to contribute to global health. Applicants should describe why they are applying to the fellowship program and should also include a statement regarding their career goals and how they think the Global Child Health fellowship program will enhance their professional development.
  - While not required, if applicants have already discussed a potential fellowship project idea with a Core Faculty member at the C-GCH, this should be described in the LOI.

All documents should be submitted by the applicant via email to **[cgch.fellowship@sickkids.ca](mailto:cgch.fellowship@sickkids.ca)** with a subject line reading "{First name} {Last name} - GCH Fellowship 2025/2026" in the subject line.

Complete application packages are due by **June 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. EDT.**

While references are not required at the time of application, the names and contact information for two to three references will be requested before an offer is extended. References should be able to speak to a candidate's skills and experience in research (Track 1) and/or capacity building (Track 2), as well as a candidate's leadership qualities and their potential for success working in global child health.

Questions can be directed to the Global Child Health Fellowship Program Committee at:  
[cgch.fellowship@sickkids.ca](mailto:cgch.fellowship@sickkids.ca)