

## **Global Child Health Fellowship – Research Stream 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 research stream of the **Global Child Health Fellowship** training program. At this time, we are not recruiting fellows for the capacity building stream of the fellowship program.

**The deadline to apply is January 25, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. EDT.**

**Fellows will be expected to start on or before July 2, 2026; however, there is some flexibility in the start date.**

### **Program Description – Global Child Health Fellowship: Research Stream**

The research stream of 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. Successful applicants will play a lead role in the design, implementation, and analysis or evaluation of research 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, implementation science, 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). Fellows will be matched with a primary supervisor at the C-GCH based on alignment between the applicant's skills and interests, the availability of a funded scholarly project being led or co-led by C-GCH Core Faculty members, and an agreement between the fellow and supervisor.

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.

## 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.

## How to apply

The following documents are required to apply to the research stream 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, research 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.
  - The LOI should also indicate the applicant's research areas of interest, and the names of any C-GCH core faculty members that they are particularly interested in working with throughout the tenure of the fellowship program. While it is not required, applicants are strongly encouraged to proactively contact C-GCH core faculty members to discuss potential fellowship project ideas before submitting their application, and to describe briefly these conversations and project ideas in the LOI.

All application material **MUST** be merged into a single PDF document and saved using the following file naming convention: "{First name}\_{Last name}\_GCH\_Fellowship\_{DateofSubmission using YYYYMMDD format}" (e.g., John\_Smith\_GCH\_Fellowship\_20260123). The final application 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 January 25, 2026, 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 supervisory references will be requested before an offer is extended. Supervisory references should be able to speak to a candidate's skills and experience in research, as well as a candidate's leadership qualities, interpersonal skills, 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)