

Global Child Health Fellowship Call for Applicants – 2025/2026

The Centre for Global Child Health (C-GCH) at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) is recruiting exceptional fellows for its Global Child Health Fellowship training program. Established in 2013, the C-GCH serves as the hub for global child health activities at SickKids.

Applications are now open for the 2026–2027 fellowship cycle. The deadline to apply is September 13, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

Fellows will be expected to start on or before July 2, 2027; however, there is some flexibility in the start date.

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.).

Throughout the two-year program, fellows will receive global child health education and mentorship from experienced leaders in the field. Fellows must be supervised (or co-supervised) by a C-GCH core faculty member. Fellows will also 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^a;
- 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.

^aPhysicians 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 master's degree by the start of the fellowship program^{b,c}; OR, have completed a master's 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.

^bApplicants 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.

^cPhysicians, 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.

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.
 - For applicants applying to the research stream (Track 1), 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. A sample list of available projects can be found on the C-GCH website under Fellowship opportunities / Global Child Health (GCH) Fellowship / Project examples.

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_20260913). The final application should be submitted by the applicant via email to **cgch.fellowship@sickkids.ca** with a subject line reading "{First name} {Last name} - GCH Fellowship 2026/2027" in the subject line.

Complete application packages are due by September 13, 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. (Track 1) and/or capacity building (Track 2), 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:
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