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2021 GLOBAL HEALTH SCHOLARS UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

INFORMATION WEBINAR

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Webinar Agenda

- Introduction - Dr. Charles Larson, Interim Director
- Overview of Program
- Application Process
- Conditions for Participation
- Q & A Period
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Introduction

Dr. Charles Larson, Interim Director



Global Health Programs

Our Vision:

- Address health inequities and improve global health through education, research, and partnerships

Education Program Goals:

- To offer high-quality education and training in global health to students

Global Health Scholars – Undergraduate Program:

- Provides opportunities for McGill undergraduate students to gain global health experience through hands-on involvement in global health research projects.



Overview of Program

The Global Health Scholars – Undergraduate Program offers:

- The opportunity to work on a global health research project during the summer either remotely/locally, internationally, or in Northern Canada.
- Mentorship and supervision from a McGill faculty member or a partner organization.
- Access to a variety of training and networking opportunities organized by Global Health Programs
- Access to other opportunities that promote global health learning

Overview of Program

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at McGill
- Must *not* be graduating in May/June 2021
- Students who have been part of a previous Global Health Scholars cohort are eligible to apply for the 2021 cohort, however they are not eligible to apply to work with the same supervisor or on the same project that they were previously matched with.



Overview of Program

Impact of COVID-19 & Research Activities

- The program will follow the COVID-19 directives set by McGill University and the Quebec Government.
- All projects include a remote work plan and an on-site work plan for students.
- Students should be prepared to transition to remote work at any point if it is not possible to be on campus, to work from a McGill affiliate research site, or to travel to an international/or northern Canada research site.
- The on-site work plan will only be activated with GHP approval and we will advise on which work plan to initiate by April 30, 2021.

Overview of Program

Impact of COVID-19 & Travel

- Travel can only proceed with prior approval from GHP for international and northern Canada projects.
- GHP approval of student travel is dependent upon the directives set forth by McGill University, the Government of Quebec, travel advisories posted by Global Affairs Canada, the host country, and the onsite partner organization.
- GHP will assess the possibility for travel up to June 30, 2021.
- If travel is not possible by this point, students will need to continue to work on their projects remotely or on-site locally.



Overview of Program

Funding Project Hours

- Students completing their project remotely or on-site locally will receive a stipend of up to \$2,500.
- If a student's International / Northern Canada site work plan is initiated, students will receive up to an additional \$2,500 to contribute towards costs related to international travel or travel to Northern Canada – *students must be onsite a minimum of 4 weeks.*
- If a student is not able to travel, the stipend will not exceed \$2,500.
- Selected students must complete 240 hours of work (equivalent of 6 weeks full-time). These hours must be completed between May 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021. The exact schedule is to be determined between the student and their supervisor.



Overview of Program

Funding Information

- Funding will be distributed to students via direct deposit. Direct deposit needs to be set up in all student accounts in Minerva.
- Payment of the awards will be done in two installments: 90% of the amount will be paid in May 2021 and the remaining 10% will be paid upon completion of the main responsibilities of program as confirmed by the Scholar's supervisor and the GHP office.
- Note that not all GH Scholar Undergraduate Program projects have a travel scenario. Some are conducted remotely or locally by design. In such cases, the student will only receive \$2,500.



Overview of Program

Additional Funding for Students

- Students may be eligible for additional funding from the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid.
- Global Health Scholars program has prior approval for the Enriched Educational Opportunities (EEO) bursaries.
- We encourage students to reach out to the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid early to see what funding is available.
- If eligible for the EEO program, you can apply AFTER your selection to the Global Health Scholars program.
- Office of Scholarships and Student Aid website:
<https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/special-funding/eo>



Application Process

- Review our website - www.mcgill.ca/globalhealth
- Review the Undergraduate Program FAQ page
- Follow the instructions on the application page and form
- Students can apply for up to two projects. You will be asked to indicate your first and second choices from the list of projects in the application form.
- Applications require students to submit an essay, CV and an unofficial transcript.
- **Applications will close on February 17, 2021 (11:59 PM)**
- **Students will receive notification via email on March, 31, 2021.**



Application Process

Additional Information

- Students do not need to have any prior global health experience to apply to participate .
- We accept students from a variety of undergraduate programs from all faculties.
- We look for students who are eager to learn about health inequities and what is being done to develop innovative solutions to global health challenges.
- We look for students who see value in learning a wide range of skills, who possess humility, and who have the ability to be self-reflective.
- Students can withdraw their application at anytime prior to March 31, 2021 – *You will need to notify GHP.*



Application Process

Evaluation Criteria

- All applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. SUITABILITY FOR PROJECT	The applicant meets the requirements specified by the faculty member in the call for applications and makes the case for their suitability to work on the chosen project.
2. CAPACITY FOR EXCELLENCE	The applicant demonstrates the capacity for excellence based on their academic track record, leadership in the domain, and skills required for their choice of project(s).
3. SUITABILITY FOR PROGRAM	Overall interest and perceived engagement of the student to complete the program from start to finish.



Application Process

Additional Information – Selecting Projects

Consider the following when working on your application

- Explain why you want to apply to a project(s).
- Explain why you are an ideal candidate for the project(s).
- If you meet the skill requirements listed in a project(s), explain this and give examples.
- If you have little to no research experience, you can explain this or present why you think you are still a good match for a project(s).
- There is no minimum GPA, but some applicants feel it is important to explain their grades.



Application Process

Additional Information – Selecting Projects

Consider the following when working on your application

- If the project(s) works with a specific population or community, reflect on why you want to work on a project like this?
- Projects that require candidates to speak a specific language are generally non-negotiable.
- Ensure that the skill set/work experiences you present in your application match the information you present on your CV.
- Consider your time commitment for the year. Are you in a position to complete the program from start to finish?
- Consider how you would approach working on a project remotely.



Application Process

Program Policy

- **DO NOT** contact the project supervisor(s) if you have questions about their project. *Students who contact project supervisors will be disqualified.*
- **DO** contact the GHP Office if you have any questions
- **DO NOT** contact the project supervisor(s) to see if you will be selected for an interview.
- **DO** contact the GHP Office at anytime during the application process
- **DO NOT** contact the project supervisor(s) to see if you will be selected for a project.
- **DO** contact the GHP Office if you have not received an email on the status of your application by March 31, 2021



Overview of Program

2021 Program Timeline



Students are part of the cohort *for the academic year following their summer project* and must attend various trainings, workshops and events coordinated by GHP.

*Pre-Departure Training will only occur if COVID-19 directives set by the University permit travel to an International/Northern Canada location.



Conditions for Participation

2021 Program Timeline

- **APRIL** - attend a mandatory two-part GHP orientation session on research ethics training.
- **APRIL TO JUNE** - Complete pre-departure training via my courses for projects that involve travel outside of Montreal – *Pending GHP Approval*
- **APRIL TO AUGUST** - Enroll in the Interprofessional Global Health Course or PPHS 511- Fundamentals of Global Health following (unless already taken).
- **MAY TO AUGUST** - Communicate with their faculty/partner organization supervisor as well as the GHP office on a regular basis before, during and after their summer project.



Conditions for Participation

2021 Program Timeline

- **SEPTEMBER** - Attend a project debrief session
- **OCTOBER** - Submit a brief report on research project and summer experience.
- **OCTOBER TO MARCH** - Attend our Insight Nights Seminar Series a monthly lecture series on various global health topics.
- **NOVEMBER** - Attend and present a poster at McGill's Global Health Night in Montreal
- **MARCH** - Complete a final program survey. Upon completion, participation in this program will be part of the student's McGill Co-Curricular Record.
- **SUMMER 2022** - Students are eligible to attend up to two courses in the McGill Summer Institute in Infectious Diseases and Global Health in summer 2022 (optional).



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