# Call for Proposals: Wyss Global Health Scholars Program

**The Mass General Center for Global Health (CGH)** is a central hub of expertise and support for global health initiatives across the MGH ecosystem. We increase the efficiency and effectiveness of MGH's global health engagements by securing sustainable, equitable partnership infrastructures; educating, training, and organizing global health resources; facilitating interdisciplinary collaboration; and accelerating impactful research and innovation.

With the generous support of the Wyss Medical Foundation, the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Global Health (CGH) is now accepting proposals for the inaugural Wyss Global Health Scholars Program. The deadline for submission is **August 15, 2025**.

The Wyss Global Health Scholars Program will provide up to $150,000 per year for up to two years ($300,000 total) to applicants likely to create lasting health impact in underserved global communities. The program seeks to support the clinical care, teaching, research, and innovation work of the most promising global health physicians and healthcare providers, especially those working in multinational teams that together bring their talents to address both clinical care and clinical research needs of communities in the global south, in equitable partnership with those communities.

In the MGH academic medical center context, research takes place with a basic minimum level of excellent clinical care as the standard as well as in the ecosystem of outstanding training and mentoring opportunities. In contrast, global health research is often undertaken in settings in which local minimum standards of clinical care have not been met, and where educational, mentoring, and career opportunities for local investigators are lacking. This creates significant inequities in the process of research and delivery of new discoveries or public health policies. This program seeks especially to support clinicians and clinician-researchers working across this gap whose work will have an impact on care and care delivery in both the short and long term.

Selected scholars will:

- Enhance clinical skills and patient care at partner sites.
- Develop evidence-based solutions for global health challenges.
- Provide data to secure funding for scaling patient outcome improvements.
- Strengthen MGH global health partnerships focused on equity and expertise.
- Highlight MGH leadership in supporting health advancements for underserved communities.
- Improve equitable access to specialty care.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- MGH-based clinicians engaged in clinical research collaborations. PhD scientists engaged in clinical or implementation science may also be considered.

- Select physicians and other clinicians from low- or lower middle-income countries, as well as doctorate-prepared scientists who are advancing their education with the goal of public service in their country's health sector may apply if they are already engaged in an MGH partnership. This may be demonstrated by, for example, prior publication record, prior policy or education work, prior educational collaboration, or if the candidate is a member of an institution with a demonstrated relationship with MGH faculty.
- The proposed global health project must take place in a low or lower-middle-income country, with preference to existing partnerships.
- Scholars' work will address critical gaps in prevention, care, treatment, and alleviation of suffering for patients through research, scholarship and training, with preference to projects where this funding will fill a gap in either the clinical care aspects of research activities or the research aspects of clinical care activities.

**Budget**

- Awarded **MGH scholars will receive up to $150,000 in direct cost for one year**, with potential of renewal for an additional year ($300,000 for two years). Allowable expenses include scholars' time, travel, subcontracts to foreign collaborating sites (including sub-site indirect costs), and other program activities.
- **Foreign scholars will receive up to $150,000 per year inclusive of their institution's indirect costs**, with potential of renewal for an additional one year ($300,000 for two years total). Allowable direct costs include scholars' time, travel, and other program activities.

**Timeline**

- Funding for projects will commence on **September 1, 2025**.
- Annual progress reports are due **July 1, 2026.**
- Year 2 renewals will be based on satisfactory performance as demonstrated in annual progress report.

**Submission Requirements**

- All applicants must submit their application at the following link.
- Budget, including justification of each item.
    - For MGH applicant, budget template is here.
    - For non-MGH lead faculty applicant, budget template is here.
- Deadline for submission is **August 15, 2025.**

**Evaluation Process**

The most competitive applicants will demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Increased clinical skills and improved patient care at partner sites where research is happening.
- Foster new, evidence-based approaches to the most pressing global health challenges.
- Provide proof-of-concept data that will leverage significant further funding (e.g., NIH or foundation grants) to scale new ways to improve patient outcomes.

- Expansion of existing MGH global health partnerships focused on equity.
- Identify and/or deliver effective approaches to improve the health of the most underserved communities.
- Increased equitable access to specialty care.
- Be part of global health partnerships with a focus on equity, building research, and clinical capacity.

Scholars will be selected by a rigorous competitive internal process to seek the most meritorious applicants with the greatest potential impact on underserved communities worldwide.

For the first cycle of funding, priority will be given to scholars working to sustain critical work and collaborations.

**Contact Information**

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