Call for Proposals:
Scholarships for Clinical Education and Training in LMICs

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.

The Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Global Health (CGH) is now accepting proposals for Scholarship for Clinical Education and Training in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs). The deadline for submission is **April 1, 2026**.

The MGH Center for Global Health is committed to increasing capacity of medical providers to create lasting health impact in underserved global communities. It is within this context that we invite MGH and BWH faculty/clinicians to apply for funds on behalf of partner institution staff -- doctors, nurses, and allied health personnel from LMICs -- to support their health education and skills-building training. Through this mechanism, MGH and BWH faculty/clinicians may apply for educational support for a global collaborator in their pursuit of medical education, specialized training, advanced degree, and/or other skills building courses in their home country.

CGH will fund awards of up to $**15,000**/each, beginning **May 1, 2026**. The duration of each award will depend on the length of the program supported by the scholarship. For example, a Master of Medicine (MMed) degree program may be multiple years in duration, while a certificate in point of care ultrasound may be substantially shorter – both would be eligible.

Selected proposals will:

- Increase skills of scholarship recipients through medical education, training and other locally based skills building courses.
- Demonstrate impact towards improved health outcomes.
- Deepen or enrich a global health collaboration at MGH or BWH by providing the resources to allow the mutual advancement of team members through education, training, and other skills.
- Only include training that occurs in a low- or middle-income country setting.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Eligible sponsors** must be MGH or BWH faculty/clinicians engaged in a global partnership that furthers health education and skills development in low- or lower middle-income countries. The MGH or BWH faculty/staff must submit the proposal as the nominating collaborator/sponsor.
- **Eligible candidates** must be residents of an LMIC.
- The proposed global health education work **must take place in a low or lower-middle-income country**, with preference to existing partnerships.
- The application must address critical gaps in prevention, care, treatment, and alleviation of suffering for patients that will be addressed by increasing access to quality health care services through provider education and skills building.

Budget

- Successful **applicants will receive up to $15,000 inclusive.**
- Allowable costs include tuition, mandatory fees, costs of educational course.
- Examples of allowable proposals include MMed education, participation in clinical skills-building workshops, specialized technical medical courses.
- Living stipends are not allowable.
- Airfare and international travel expenses are not allowable.
- A budget template is provided in the REDCap application form. It should be edited to reflect categories and types of expenses in the proposal.

Timeline

- Funding for projects will commence on **May 1, 2026.**

Submission Requirements

- All applicants must submit their application at the following link.
- Deadline for submission is **April 1, 2026.**

Evaluation Process

The most competitive applicants will demonstrate the following:

- Increased clinical skills and improved patient care at partner sites where training/education/skills building is happening.
- Identify and/or deliver effective training and educational approaches of service providers that lead to improving the health of the most underserved communities.
- Increased equitable access to specialty care.
- Be part of an MGH or BWH global health partnership with a focus on equity, research, and clinical capacity building.

Selection will be carried out through a competitive internal process to identify the most meritorious applicants with the greatest potential impact on underserved communities worldwide.

For candidates interested in scholarships at Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST)

Please note, MGH has an institutional partnership with MUST. One of our shared program foci is clinical education. As such, MGH provides MUST with support for scholarships in keeping with their strategic priorities and in alignment with its selection process and standards. We therefore direct you to scholarship opportunities posted by MUST.

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FAQS: Scholarships for Clinical Education and Training in LMICs

Q: What expenses are (and are not) allowable?

Allowable	Not allowable
✓ Tuition	X Living stipend / salary support
✓ Mandatory course fees	X International travel to/from US, Europe (e.g., airfare, accommodations, per diem)
✓ Expenses to meet course requirements that are in keeping with documented program guidelines, e.g., research expenses	X Sponsor expenses
✓ Essential supplies and software directly related to meeting education program requirements	X Mentoring expenses
✓ Regional travel within LMICs	X Expenses that do not align with MGH and host-institute policies
	X Contingency/buffer costs

Q: How will funds be administered?
A: The MGH Center for Global Health will administer successful scholarship awards. All expenses that can be directly paid to the educational institute (e.g., tuition, mandatory fees, program-required expenses) will be wired to the institute upon presentation of an invoice. Other expenses that can be paid directly to suppliers will be wired to the supplier upon presentation of an invoice.

Q: Can an MGH or BWH faculty/clinician use funds to run a training program in a foreign country?
A: Yes, as long as funds are **not** used for international travel and travel-related expenses. Virtual training is allowable, as is in-country training, but alternative funds must be used for foreign travel-related costs.

Q: Are funds available for program requirements outside of tuition?
A: Mandatory fees charged by the educational program are allowable. Expenses to meet documented course requirements, e.g., research study or project will typically be paid to the educational institute.

Q: Are publication fees allowable?
A: Yes, if publication is a documented course requirement. MGH/CGH directly pays the publisher.

Q: Are conference-related expenses allowable?
A: Yes, but only if conference participation is a documented course requirement. However, international travel costs are NOT allowable; in other words, the conference must be in-country.

Q: Are candidates from low-income settings living in the United States eligible?
A: No, scholarship candidates must reside in LMICs.

Q: If I don't see my question here, who should I ask?
A: Please contact Jodi Ansel, Senior Program Manager, at jansel@mgh.harvard.edu