

2026 Call for Applications: 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 MGB ecosystem. We increase the efficiency and effectiveness of MGB'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 pleased to announce the Wyss Global Health Scholars Program and is now accepting applications. Submissions will be accepted through **July 31, 2026**.

The program will provide up to \$150,000 per year for up to two years (\$300,000 total) to applicants whose work shows strong potential to create lasting health impact in underserved communities worldwide.

The Wyss Global Health Scholars Program is designed to support outstanding global health physicians and other health care professionals advancing clinical care, teaching, research, and innovation. Preference will be given to applicants working in multinational teams that bring complementary expertise to address clinical care and research priorities in equitable partnership with communities in the Global South. Research support will be geared toward faculty from the Instructor to the Associate Professor levels; educators and clinicians are also encouraged to apply.

Within the Mass General Brigham (MGB) academic medical center environment, research is typically conducted within established systems of high-quality clinical care, training, and mentorship. In many global settings, however, research is undertaken where minimum standards of clinical care are not consistently met and where educational, mentoring, and career development opportunities for local investigators may be limited. These disparities can create inequities in both the research process and the implementation of new discoveries or public health strategies. This program is intended to support clinicians and clinician-researchers working across these gaps whose efforts will strengthen care delivery and improve outcomes in both the near and long term.

Eligibility Criteria

- MGB-based clinicians engaged in clinical research collaborations are eligible to apply. PhD scientists involved in clinical or implementation science will also be considered. MGB faculty who are Instructors to Associate Professors will be considered for research awards.
- Physicians and other clinicians from low- or lower-middle-income countries, as well as doctorate-prepared scientists advancing their education with the goal of public service in their country's health sector, may apply if they are already engaged in an MGB partnership. Their proposals must be submitted by an MGB sponsor, who is involved in

their partnership. Evidence of this engagement may include prior research studies, publications, policy or educational work, prior educational collaboration, or affiliation with an institution that has a demonstrated relationship with MGB faculty.

- The proposed project must take place in a low- or lower-middle-income country, with preference given to projects that build on existing partnerships.
- Scholars' work should address critical gaps in prevention, care, treatment, and the alleviation of suffering through research, scholarship, and training, with preference given to projects in which this funding fills a gap in either the clinical care components of research activities or the research components of clinical care activities.

Evaluation Criteria:

The most competitive candidates will be those whose proposal combines clinical care and rigorous research. They will be assessed as follows:

Core Criteria

- **Reduced Gap Between Research and Clinical Care:** Fills/reduces a gap in the clinical care aspect of existing research activities and/or adds research to a clinical care activity.
- **Clinical Impact and Relevance:** Addresses urgent and clearly defined clinical or health system needs in underserved communities, with potential for meaningful short- and long-term benefits.
- **Equity and Local Capacity Building:** Advances health equity and strengthens research, educational or clinical infrastructure in LMIC settings. The overall program of collaboration prioritizes local leadership, training, and sustainability (even if this particular proposal is for one partner or other). Demonstrates MGB leadership in advancing health equity for underserved communities.
- **Evidence Generation:** Generate data to support future funding for scaling improvements in patient outcomes. Has potential to produce evidence for evidenced-based solutions for global health challenges.
- **Feasibility and Readiness:** Is realistic and well-structured, with a clear timeline and plan to launch straight away. Required infrastructure and supports are in place.
- **Team Composition and Leadership:** Multinational, diverse, or interprofessional teams with equitable collaboration.

Additional Criteria

- **Strength and Maturity of MGB Collaboration:** Builds on an existing MGB-affiliated partnership, with documented priority collaboration (e.g., publications, education, grants). Early partnerships will be considered if there is evidence that this collaboration was not created for this proposal.
- **Clinical Skills Building:** Has potential to directly enhance clinical skills and patient care. Improve equitable access to specialty care.

- **Impact, Scalability, Adoption at Policy Level:** Outlines a pathway for scale-up, policy integration or long-term change, including leveraging future grants, institutional investment.
- **Mentorship and Training Plans:** Includes mentorship of trainees or junior faculty (especially LMIC-based) and/or contributes to local workforce development of leadership pipeline.
- **Budget Justification and Resource Use:** Budget is appropriate, justified and aligns with the scope of work. Efficient use of resources with clear rationale.

Budget

- MGB scholars may receive up to **\$150,000 in direct costs for one year**, with second year funding contingent upon performance and availability of funds (\$300,000 total over two years). Allowable expenses include scholar effort, travel, subcontracts to collaborating international sites (including sub-site indirect costs), and other program-related activities.
- Foreign scholars may receive up to **\$150,000 per year, inclusive of their institution's indirect costs**, with the possibility of renewal for one additional year (\$300,000 total over two years). Allowable direct costs include scholar effort, travel, and other program-related activities.

Timeline

- Funding for projects will commence on **October 1, 2026**.
- Year 2 renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory progress as demonstrated in the annual progress report.

Submission Requirements

- All applicants must submit their application using the REDCap (link [here](#)).
- Application instructions, templates and other resources are embedded within the REDCap survey instrument.
- Deadline for submission is **July 31, 2026**.

Evaluation Process

Scholars will be selected through a rigorous internal review process designed to identify applicants. Expert peer reviewers will assess scientific merit and mission relevance; proposals will be scored according to the Evaluation Criteria shown above.

Contact Information

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