Centre Updates

Are you a medical student, resident or fellow? Apply now for CICH Trainee Grants 2020

Application Deadline: January 31, 2020

The Centre for International Child Health and the Medical Staff Association at BC Children's and Women's Hospital are once again offering $1000 grants to support trainees in the health professions who are engaged in global health electives as part of their clinical training.

Candidates must be registered as a resident or fellow in a postgraduate medical training program, or be a student in a British Columbia professional training program, which includes any health care discipline that leads to a professional designation.

Please visit the [online application page](#) for more information. Apply now!

Learn more about previous recipient's experiences [here](#) and [here](#)

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International Universal Health Coverage Day

12 December

"Strong leadership and community engagement are essential in ensuring that all people get the healthcare they need. On this International Day, let us reaffirm our commitment to a world with health for all." — António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

International Universal Health Coverage Day aims to raise awareness of the need for strong and resilient health systems and universal health coverage with multi-stakeholder partners. Each year on 12 December, UHC advocates raise their voices to share the stories of the millions of people still waiting for health, champion what we have achieved so far, call on leaders to make bigger and smarter investments in health, and encourage diverse groups to make commitments to help move the world closer to UHC by 2030.
**Impact Now: Improving maternal, newborn and child health in Africa through innovative solutions**

Two weeks ago, 100 researchers, clinicians, policy-makers, and educators gathered in Stellenbosch, South Africa for a 3-day conference to discuss innovations for improving maternal, newborn and child health in sub-Saharan Africa. The meeting featured seminars and panels by leaders in implementing and evaluating innovations in the African context, including Msandeni Chiume (Head of Paediatrics and Kamuzu Central Hospital in Malawi), Joy Lawn (Director of the MARCH Centre at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine), and Nathan Kenya-Mugisha (Executive Director of Walimu in Uganda). Topics ranged from kangaroo mother care to digital health to HPV to sepsis. Highlights included discussions around who should regulate digital health solutions (with 39% of respondents saying government during a on-the-spot poll) and the biggest challenges in implementing new innovations (sustainability & commitment were identified as key).

Want to learn more? View the event program [here](#). Thank you to everyone who attended this amazing event, and to all our sponsors who made the event possible!

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An all women panel of global health innovators and developers (from left to right) Kara Palamountain, Suellen Miller, Rebecca Richards-Kortum and Danica Kumara

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**Publication Spotlight 2019**

**NCDs and the WHO Essential Medicines Lists: children need universal health coverage too.**

WHO first created an Essential Medicines List (EML) for Children (EMLc) in 2007, 30 years after the first EML for adults. Its purpose is to ensure that medicines in the health system are prioritised in an evidence-based manner to meet children's needs. The EMLc is a potentially powerful instrument to ensure that medicines are available, accessible (ie, affordable, physically accessible, and with accessible information), acceptable, and of good quality, thus strengthening health equity.


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Want to share something you've recently published? We'd love to hear from you.
On behalf of UBC’s School of Population and Public Health and the Centre for International and Child Health (CICH) at BC Children’s Hospital, we present to you the 2nd Annual Global Health Conference.

Keynote speakers: Dr. Timothy Evans - Director and Associate Dean of McGill’s School of Population and Global Health. A pioneer in the field of global health research and policy, Dr. Evans has devoted much of his career to advancing health equity as a fundamental value driving innovation and collaboration.

Stephen Rulisa - Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Dean of the School of Medicine and Pharmacy at the University of Rwanda. He is a clinician with over 15 years of experience in health research, with a focus on epidemiology, public health and global health. His current interest is in strengthening medical education and health outcomes through evidence-based medicine.

Get your tickets here.

Opportunities

**Rural Global Health Partnership Initiative**

**Deadline:** April 30 2020

The Rural Coordination Centre of BC has a new funding opportunity open to BC medical trainees or physicians with experience and a demonstrated interest in rural medicine and global health.

Meant to support partnerships between rural BC physicians and lower resource communities, these $5,000 - $10,000 grants will fund projects that promote and enhance capacity for generalism in the health services of low-resource and underserved rural communities, in BC and globally.

Details [here](#).

**Wellcome Trust Biomedical Research and Technology Development Grants**

**Deadline:** January 9 2020
Are you working with a partner in LMICs interested in establishing new resources or developing new tools and technology for biomedical research? Wellcome Trust UK has 2 competitions open to basic, clinical, or population health researchers. The lead applicant must be based in LMICs or the UK, but co-applicants can be based anywhere else. Funding lasts up to 5 years and £1.5M.

Biomedical Research Grant details [here](#) and Technology Development Grant details [here](#).

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**Grand Challenges Africa funding to support maternal and newborn health**

**Deadline:** January 14 2020

Grand Challenges Africa has a new call for proposals for bold, innovative ideas that reduce African maternal and neonatal mortality and have the potential for future sustainability and scaling. Meant to develop a community of African leaders in MNCH research and innovation, the call will support proposals up to $100,000 USD over 2 years from African investigators and institutions.

Applicants can be at any level of experience and working in any discipline from organisations such as colleges and universities, government units, hospitals, research institutions, for-profit and non-profit organisations. Projects should be in one of 4 priorities areas: better health during pregnancy, better care at birth, better post-birth care for women and their newborns, or better hospital care of sick newborns. The focus should be on enabling adoption of new technologies, innovations and policies, with clear metrics for measuring success.

More details can be found [here](#).

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**Have questions, suggestions, or something to share?**

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