

Call for Applications for Global Skills Opportunity

The McMaster Health Forum offers undergraduate students and social outcomes through collective problem solving challenges creatively, we are proud to have been a program which will run from September 2021 to May 2022.

. Through this program the McMaster Health Forum will enable emerging leaders within McMaster University's undergraduate community to build knowledge and skills to support health- and social-system strengthening internationally. We will leverage McMaster Health Forum's programs to support skills development in policy, political and systems analysis, evidence synthesis, and stakeholder engagement, while building on our experience with student mentorship, leadership development and facilitating international exchange.

About the Global Skills Opportunity in Developing Skilled Future Leaders in Strengthening Health and Social Systems

GSO awardees will have the opportunity to learn important skills and contribute to strengthening health and social systems in any of more than 140 Commonwealth and low- and middle-income countries where the Forum, and its partners, have robust relationships focused on health- and social-system strengthening. Awardees will become part of our large and growing network of health- and social-system leaders.

All current McMaster undergraduate students are eligible to apply. While open to all undergraduate students, the national program targets groups for whom international experiences have traditionally been less accessible - specifically Indigenous students, students from low-income backgrounds, and those with disabilities. It also aims to diversify the destination countries where Canadian students pursue international learning.

Our nine core partners who can serve as hosts to outgoing interns, include: Africa Centre for Evidence in South Africa; Caribbean Centre for Health Systems Research and Development (CCHSRD) in Trinidad and Tobago; Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) in Trinidad and Tobago; Evidence-Based Medicine Center of Lanzhou University in China; Faculty of Medicine at the Universidad de Antioquia in Colombia; Institute for Health Systems Research at the Ministry of Health in Malaysia; Knowledge to Policy Center in Lebanon; REACH Policy in Uganda; and The George Institute for Global Health in India.

GSO awardees



Eligibility requirements



Terms of the award

Recipients of the Global Skills Opportunity will receive:

- 1) Awardees from one of the priority groups will receive a maximum of \$6,000 to cover travel expenses (e.g. return airfare, visa costs) and living expenses (e.g. food, accommodation, health insurance and an installation allowance) for physical mobility component, and a maximum of \$500 academic expenses for the virtual mobility component.
- 2) Awardees not from one of the priority groups will receive a maximum of \$4,000 to cover travel expenses (e.g. return airfare, visa costs) and living expenses (e.g. food, accommodation, health insurance and an installation allowance) for physical mobility component, and a maximum of \$250 academic expenses for the virtual mobility component.

These funds are to help cover expenses that are directly related to the opportunity. Most opportunities will involve a four to six week physical mobility component spent in-person with an international partner as well as a virtual component for the month prior to, and the month after the physical component. It is expected that all awardees will commit at least 12 months to the McMaster Health Forum including at least one semester prior to going abroad and at least one semester after returning from going abroad. You must be a registered McMaster student throughout the opportunity.

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