

# Application for the Global Health Emerging Scholars (GHES) Fellowship Program 2026-2027

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Please submit your application online here: <https://bit.ly/GHESapplication2026>

# GHEs Application 2026-2027

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Start of Block: Introduction

## APPLICATION FOR GLOBAL HEALTH EMERGING SCHOLARS FELLOWSHIP YEAR 2026-2027

### Welcome to the Global Health Emerging Scholars (GHES) Program online application system.

GHES is a one-year mentored global health fellowship research training fellowship funded by the NIH Fogarty International Center and managed by a consortium made up of Stanford University, the University of Arizona, the University of California at Berkeley, and Yale University. The consortium has collaborations with established medical and research institutions in 16 low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). During the fellowship year, trainees participate in a research training experience at one of these institutions and conduct a research project relevant to the health priorities of the collaborating LMIC under the supervision of their mentors.

This online application system is for **U.S. pre- and post-doctoral applicants** and for **post-doctoral applicants from GHES collaborating LMICs**. Pre-doctoral applicants are students in pre-doctoral or pre-health professional degree programs. Post-doctoral trainees are recent graduates of doctoral or health professional degree programs, and are usually within 5 years of obtaining their terminal degree.

Please carefully review the [GHES program eligibility](#) before you apply.

- **U.S. post-doctoral and pre-doctoral applicants** can be from any college or institution in the country. You do not have to be affiliated with a consortium university to apply.
- **LMIC post-doctoral applicants** must be a part of or affiliated with an institution in one of the GHES collaborating LMICs.
- **U.S. and LMIC post-doctoral applicants** must have a doctoral health professional degree (you are not eligible with only a master's degree). Health professional post-doctoral applicants must have completed their clinical training within the last 5 years (approximately 2020 onwards). Non clinical post-doctoral applicants must have completed their doctoral degree within the last five years (approximately 2020 and onwards).

This is a mentored fellowship and parts of this application must be completed with the input of your proposed mentors. GHES has designated mentor teams across the U.S. and LMIC institutions. In many instances, the mentor teams are research collaborators so if, you propose to work with a specific GHES U.S. mentor it is likely that your LMIC mentor will be his/her

collaborator and the other way around. All applicants must have a primary GHES U.S. mentor (a faculty member at Stanford University, University of Arizona, University of California Berkeley, or Yale University) and a primary GHES LMIC mentor (a faculty member at an institution in one of the GHES collaborating LMICs). You can propose to have additional mentors. However, you must have at least one primary U.S. and one primary LMIC mentor that are part of the GHES program.

In addition, please make sure you can meet the GHES program requirements. If accepted, you are required to devote 100% of the 12-month fellowship year to the GHES program. This means you must work full-time on GHES and you cannot hold another job at the same time. U.S. fellows must spend 10-12 months of their fellowship year at their GHES LMIC site. LMIC fellows must spend 1-3 months of their fellowship year at their GHES U.S. institution (Stanford, University of Arizona, UC Berkeley, or Yale). All fellows must attend a week-long orientation held at the NIH Campus in July in Washington, DC.

Please review all program requirements here: <https://medicine.yale.edu/yigh/ghes/>

**We look forward to receiving your completed application by 5:00pm Eastern Time on October 1st, 2025.** The system will allow you to save your application and finish it later. Please avoid submitting multiple applications. If you have questions about your eligibility or the application process, please contact the GHES Program Manager associated with your U.S. institution. Contact information can be found [here](#).

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Start of Block: Eligibility

Q1 Type of fellowship you are applying for:

- U.S. postdoctoral fellowship (U.S. permanent resident or citizen)
  - LMIC postdoctoral fellowship (LMIC citizen)
  - U.S. predoctoral fellowship (U.S. permanent resident or citizen)
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Q2 What institution are you currently affiliated with?

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Q3 Please select the GHES U.S. institution with which your fellowship application is associated:

- U.S. post-doctoral and pre-doctoral applicants from any college/university in the country may apply. You do not have to be part of or affiliated with Stanford University, University of Arizona, University of California Berkeley, or Yale University. However, you do need to have a professional relationship with the primary GHES U.S. mentor at one of these universities.
- LMIC post-doctoral applicants must be part of or affiliated with an institution in one of the GHES LMIC countries and have a professional relationship with the U.S. mentor at the collaborating GHES U.S. school.

- Stanford University
  - University of Arizona
  - University of California, Berkeley
  - Yale University
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Q4 Please select the statement that best describes you:

- As of **July 1, 2026**, you will be a pre-doctoral student who has not yet completed your terminal degree. Pre-doctoral means you are currently enrolled in a pre-doctoral (e.g. PhD, DrPH, etc.) or pre-health professional (MD, DO, DVM, etc.) degree program. Only U.S. citizens and U.S. residents are eligible to apply for a pre-doctoral fellowship. Please select a post-doctoral fellowship option if you will complete your degree program by June 30, 2026.
  - You completed a doctoral degree (e.g. PhD, DrPH or equivalent research degree) within the last 5 years (approximately 2020 and later) and are applying for a post-doctoral fellowship.
  - You completed a health professional degree (e.g. MD, DO, DVM, DDS, MBBS, MMed or equivalent degree) and finished your clinical training within the last 5 years (approximately 2020 and later) and are applying for a post-doctoral fellowship. You have a health professional degree if you treat patients or provide direct patient care of any type.
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Display this question if previous answer is:

As of July 1, 2026, you will be a pre-doctoral student who has not yet completed your terminal degree. Pre-doctoral means you are currently enrolled in a pre-doctoral (e.g. PhD, DrPH, etc.) or pre-health professional (MD, DO, DVM, etc.) degree program. Only U.S. citizens and U.S. residents are eligible to apply for a pre-doctoral fellowship. Please select a post-doctoral fellowship option if you will complete your degree program by June 30, 2026.

Q4a Date degree is expected (Month, YYYY):

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Q5 Pre-doctoral student applicants and applicants who expect to complete their degree by June 30, 2026 **must** provide a copy of their most recent transcript. Non-official transcripts are allowed. Upload File. Please upload your transcript as a PDF file with the file name "Last\_First\_TRANSCRIPT" e.g. Smith\_John\_TRANSCRIPT

Q6 Have you ever received NIH funding before?

No

Yes

Display this question:

If Q6 = Yes

Q6a Please select the NIH Institute from which you have received funding? Select all that apply.

- NCI
- NEI
- NHLBI
- NIA
- NIAAA
- NIAID
- NIAMS
- NIBIB
- NICHD
- NIDCD
- NIDCR
- NIDDK
- NIDA
- NIEHS
- NIGMS
- NIMH
- NIMHD
- NINDS
- NNR
- NLM

- CC
  - CIT
  - CSR
  - FIC
  - NCATS
  - NCCIH
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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Q7 Have you previously applied to the GHES Fellowship?

No

Yes

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*If Q7 = Yes*

Q7a Please state the year you applied and explain how this application is different from your previous submission.

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Start of Block: Personal Information

Q8 Legal **first** (given) name:

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Q9 Legal **last** name (surname):

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Q10 Preferred name (first and last):

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Q11 Pronouns:

She/her

He/him

They/them

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Q12 Current street address (house number and street name):

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Q13 Current city:

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Q14 Current state/territory/province (enter N/A if this does not apply):

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Q15 Current country:

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Q16 Current five-digit postal code (enter N/A if no postal code):

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Q17 Is your permanent address different than your current address?

No

Yes

*Display this question:*

*If Q17 = Yes*

Q17a Permanent address (street address, city, state/territory/province, country, postal code):

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Q18 Are you a:

- U.S. Citizen (1)
- U.S. Permanent Resident (2)
- Other Citizenship: (3) \_\_\_\_\_

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*If Q18 = U.S. Permanent Resident*

Q18a Please provide your USCIS #: This is the 9 digits found under your Given Name. Do not include dashes.

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**End of Block: Personal Information**

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**Start of Block: Contact Information**

Q19 Primary email address: This is the email we will use to communicate with you throughout the fellowship.

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Q20 Please provide any secondary email addresses you would like us to include in correspondence:

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Q21 WhatsApp number (include country code):

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**End of Block: Contact Information**

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Start of Block: Professional Background

Q22 Please list all of your **completed** degrees. Include the type of degree, the month and year of completion, the discipline/specialty, and institution. e.g. BS, 05/2014, biology, Yale University; PhD, 06/2021, biostatistics, Yale University

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Q23 Please list your current or most recent position. Include your professional title, department (if applicable), and institution name.

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Q24 How long have you been in your current position (number of years and/or months):

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Q25 While not a requirement for the application, please indicate all languages (other than English) you know and indicate your skill level:

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Mandarin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hindi	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spanish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
French	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arabic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other: ____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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End of Block: Professional Background

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Start of Block: Fellowship Details

Q26 With which GHES institution do you propose to do your research training?

- Bangladesh: International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research
- Burkina Faso: Institut de Recherche en Sciences de la Santé Direction Régionale de l'Ouest (IRSS-DRO)
- Colombia: Centro Internacional de Entrenamiento e Investigaciones Medicas (CIDEIM)
- Ecuador: Instituto de Microbiología at the Universidad San Francisco
- Ethiopia: Addis Ababa University
- India: Public Health Research Institute of India (PHRI)
- India: Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (SRIHER)
- Kenya: Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH)
- Lebanon: American University of Beirut (AUB)
- Malaysia: Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERiA) at University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur
- Nicaragua: Centro Nacional de Diagnóstico y Referencia
- Nigeria: University of Jos/Jos University Teaching Hospital
- Peru: Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH)
- Samoa: Samoa Ministry of Health Collaborative Research Center
- Senegal: Cheikh Anta Diop University
- Senegal: Institut Pasteur de Dakar
- Tanzania: Shinyanga Regional Hospital/Health for a Prosperous Nation (HPON)
- Uganda: Makerere University

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Q27 Please provide the full address of your proposed research institution.

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Q28 Please describe your prior research experience and roles on projects. (Maximum: 1,800 characters, including spaces)

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Q29 Please describe your previous experience in resource-limited settings. This may include, but is not limited to, research experience in these settings. (Maximum: 1,800 characters, including spaces)

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Q30 Please list all research publications, only those published or under review. Please specify if under review.

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Q31 List any awards you have received.

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Q32 **Statement of career goals and plans:** Please state why you are interested in a mentored global health research training experience in an LMIC. In addition, please describe how your career goals relate to global health and how this program will contribute to your professional advancement. (Maximum: 5,000 characters, including spaces)

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Q33 Please provide the name of your GHES Primary U.S. mentor:

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Q34 Please provide the email of your GHES Primary U.S. mentor:

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Q35 Please provide the name of your GHES Primary LMIC mentor:

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Q36 Please provide the email of your GHES Primary LMIC mentor:

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Q37 **Mentoring plan:** Please describe the research and experience of your primary mentors, their role in your fellowship, and your plans for mentoring interactions during your fellowship year. Please also include why you chose this team of mentors and what characteristics you look for in a good mentor. (Maximum: 1,800 characters, including spaces)

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One of the goals of the GHES program is to provide a solid scientific research foundation needed to conduct research with increasing independence. Trainees should receive instruction and training in scientific methods (e.g., rigorous research design, methods, and statistical analysis), skills (e.g., scientific writing and presentation and grant writing), and research practices (e.g., research ethics, good clinical practice, good laboratory practice, biosafety, and research administration). Trainees should also engage in structured professional development activities (e.g., Individual Development Plans, workshops or networking activities) that support a successful career in research. This experience should be tailored to the applicant's specific needs and goals and incorporate structured learning, skill development, networking, and mentoring activities

**Q38 Training Plan:** Describe the training activities you intend to take part in, and how they will contribute to your fellowship research project and career development. (Maximum: 5,000 characters, including spaces)

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*If Q1 = LMIC postdoctoral fellowship (LMIC citizen)*

**Q38a FOR LMIC FELLOWS ONLY: U.S. Short-term Training Plan** LMIC post-doctoral fellows are required to participate in a 1-3 month training experience at the home university of their GHES primary U.S. mentor. The proposed training experience should add a unique scientific or technical dimension to your research experiences that could not be provided by your home LMIC institution. In rare cases, training can occur at another LMIC institution if it offers an exceptional opportunity relevant to your research project.

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*If Q1 = LMIC postdoctoral fellowship (LMIC citizen)*



**Q38b** Please describe your plans for your U.S. short-term training. Describe activities you intend to take part in, and how they will contribute to your fellowship research project and career development. Be sure to explain how the activity adds a unique or scientific demonstration to your experience. If you would like to propose a training experience outside of your U.S. mentor's university, please justify how the proposed location and activities would benefit your fellowship research project and career development. (Maximum: 5,000 characters, including spaces)

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**Q39 Fellowship timeline:** Please state what you intend to accomplish within the 12-month time frame, the feasibility of your proposed research project within the available budget and timeline, and the next steps to advance your research. (Maximum: 1,800 characters, including spaces)

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**Q40 IRB and ethics approval plan:** Please describe your timeline for applying for Institutional Review Board(IRB) and ethics approvals. This should include both the U.S. and international collaborating institution/national IRBs. (Maximum: 1,800 characters, including spaces)

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**Q41 Additional funding** (if applicable): Please describe any additional sources of research funding that you have available for your project, or that you are applying for. This may include T32 grant support, K-award grant support, secondary fellowships, etc. Include start and finish dates, and what the funding covers (stipend, research activities, etc.). Please highlight how the GHES proposal differs from your funded activities, and/or how the GHES award would cover expenses not supported by the additional funding. If you do not have additional funding, please write N/A. (Maximum: 1,800 characters, including spaces)

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Start of Block: Proposal Submission

### Research Proposal

Please submit a research proposal that includes the following sections. Proposals missing any of the sections will not be reviewed.

1. Title of proposed research project
2. Abstract
3. Description of proposed project that includes these sub-sections:
  - a) Background
  - b) Specific aims
  - c) Research methods
  - d) Significance of study
4. Reference list

Please use the following formatting guidelines:

- Document should be no longer than 1500 words (not including reference list)
- Single-spaced with 1-inch margins
- 11-point Arial font with no changes to character density
- Standard U.S. letter size (8.5x11 inches)
- Graphs, tables and figures may be included
- Cite your sources and include a reference list. Can use your preferred citation style. Number each reference and do not include more than 20.



Q42 Upload your research proposal as a Word document with the file name "LastName\_FirstName\_RESEARCHPROPOSAL"

End of Block: Proposal Submission

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Start of Block: Recommendation Letters

## Letters of Recommendation

All applicants must submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation (maximum of three letters). Instruct your recommenders to send their letters directly to you as a PDF file.

One letter should be from your GHES primary U.S. mentor at one of the four participating universities (University of Arizona, University of California Berkeley, Stanford University, Yale University.)

One letter should be from your GHES primary LMIC mentor at the collaborating LMIC research training site.

The optional third letter of support should come from either: 1) someone who knows you well and can address your research accomplishments, research potential, and likelihood of a successful research career in global health research; 2) or an optional third mentor who has content or technical knowledge related to the research focus area.

Each letter should be on the mentor's institutional letterhead and include the following:

- Mentor's name
- Mentor's position and institution
- Mentor's email address
- Mentor's phone number
- Mentor's work address
- Letters should be addressed to the Global Health Emerging Scholars Fellowship Selection Committee
- Letter must be signed by mentor



Q43 Upload your U.S. mentor's letter as a PDF with the file name "YourLastName\_YourFirstName\_LOS\_USMENTOR"



Q44 Upload your LMIC mentor's letter as a PDF with the file name "YourLastName\_YourFirstName\_LOS\_LMICMENTOR"



Q45 Upload any additional letter as a PDF with the file name "YourLastName\_YourFirstName\_LOS\_ADDITIONAL"

End of Block: Recommendation Letters

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Start of Block: Biosketch Submissions

### NIH Biosketch

Applicants should use the [NIH Fellowship biosketch format](#).

Mentors should use the [NIH NON-Fellowship biosketch format](#).



Q46 Please upload **your** NIH biosketch as a PDF file named "LastName\_FirstName\_BIOSKETCH". Please use the NIH Fellowship format.

**Note:** Please ensure that your current employment/position is listed in "Section B: Positions, Scientific Appointments and Honors"



Q47 Please upload the NIH biosketch of **your GHES primary U.S. mentor** as a PDF file named "YourLastName\_YourFirstName\_USMENTORBIO". Please use the NIH NON-Fellowship format.



Q48 Please upload the NIH biosketch of **your GHES primary LMIC mentor** as a PDF file named "YourLastName\_YourFirstName\_LMICMENTORBIO". Please use the NIH NON-Fellowship format.

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