



Program in Global Primary Care and Social Change Visiting Scholar Application

The Program in Global Primary Care and Social Change (PGPCSC), part of the Harvard Medical School Center for Primary Care and the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, works through public and private partnerships to build sustainable, reliable primary healthcare systems that advance health. There is an increasing recognition of the need to fundamentally re-think traditional approaches to healthcare delivery and training. Key stakeholders are acknowledging the importance of returning to the Primary Healthcare (PHC) strategies of empowering front-line health workers and taking a holistic, social approach to health promotion, disease prevention and treatment. Information technology, artificial intelligence, and data science promise opportunity to develop more disruptive, tech-enabled, and team-based models of PHC - a key strategy for accelerating towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Central to these initiatives is the recognition that governments must continue to be empowered and capacitated to ensure equitable access, healthcare quality, and safety through strategic purchasing and regulation. Achieving UHC by 2030 will require ecosystems that enable unprecedented collaboration between the public and private sector, with the private sector playing a leading role in developing and scaling innovative PHC services, technologies and products.

The Program in Global Primary Care and Social Change is currently accepting visiting scholar candidates. Eligibility is open to candidates who are currently pursuing a graduate or doctoral degree, those who are currently in a clinical training program, and those who have finished degree/training programs. Applicants can be from the public, non-profit or private sector. Level of appointment at Harvard Medical School will be based on level of education. Appointments will be made for a minimum of three months and maximum of one year. Time on campus is typically required; however, given the COVID-19 pandemic, remote work is allowable and will be discussed prior to the appointment offer. Scholars will have the opportunity to select their own research topics based on their interest, however it must fall within the program scope:

1. Inspiring and training future leaders in UHC and PHC and/or training the future PHC workforce.
2. Developing new partnership models of engagement, including partnerships with private sector.
3. Conducting research on how to scale innovative modes of primary healthcare delivery, inclusive of incorporation of technology, innovative care delivery models, use of community health workers, allied health workers.

Opportunities exist along the full spectrum of research and have included large database analyses, systematic reviews and meta-analyses, observational studies, and surveys. Scholars' investigations have spanned a wide range of utilized skills and tools.

The Program also includes structured experiences to improve skills in public private partnerships and global health innovation. Each scholar is expected to design, conduct, and present research, and publish at least one academic manuscript in a peer-review journal. Additional publications in non-academic venues are also encouraged. Mentoring on the academic publishing process will be provided.

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Prospective Applicants: Key Dates

Length: Minimum of 3 months, maximum of one year.

Application deadline: Rolling

Candidate interviews: Rolling

Scholar start date: Rolling

We recommend applying at least three months before the desired start date to allow time for the application and onboarding process.

Deliverable

Each scholar is expected to design, conduct, and present research, and publish at least one academic manuscript in a peer-review journal. Additional publications in non-academic venues are also encouraged.

Financial Support

There is no stipend or financial support available for this opportunity. Selected scholars must demonstrate that they have a minimum level of funding for their self-support and must confirm that they have health insurance.

Primary Program Goals

- 1) Inspiring and Training Future Leaders in UHC &PHC: Rethinking traditional approaches and empowering frontline health workers
- 2) Convening and Creating Learning Collaborative and Community
- 3) Developing New Partnership Models of Engagement
- 4) Conducting Research on How to Scale Innovative Models of Care Delivery: More tech-enabled, team-based models of PHC
- 5) Knowledge Generation: generating high quality publication on the four programmatic pillars

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