

Steps to build a strong Global Health CV

Interest and subsequently, competition, in global health have grown exponentially in the past few years. In order to differentiate yourself from other applicants, you need to show that you are a well-rounded candidate, and that you have had various experiences working in the field of global health. Our guide focuses on important aspects of a global health curriculum vitae (CV); however, it is also important, as in any resume or CV, to present the information in an aesthetic, organized, and efficient manner.

Below, you will find a series of steps that you can take in order to build and organize your global health CV, further develop your current interests in global health, and discover the areas that you are most passionate about within global health. The steps do not have to be done in any particular order, and you do not have to do all of them. They are only meant to help in guiding you to resources that have been helpful to other trainees who, like yourselves, have an interest in building a career in global health.

1) Establish your main interests within Global Health. It can be related to a specific field of work (veterinary medicine, dentistry, research), a topic (new vaccines, non communicable diseases) or a specific task (health services delivery). See examples below.

Websites :

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH)

The ASTMH is the largest international scientific organization of experts dedicated to reducing the worldwide burden of tropical infectious diseases and improving global health.

<http://www.astmh.org/Home1.htm>

United Nations Children's Funds (UNICEF)

UNICEF is the leading humanitarian and development agency working globally for the rights of every child.

Lots of documentation, statistics and information about the different programmes are available on their website.

<http://www.unicef.org>

World Health Organization (WHO)

Multiple programmes, publications and information are available on their website.

<http://www.who.int/en/>

2) Gather more information about your chosen focus area. This can be done via internet searches, online education materials, academic courses or summer school. This can help build your knowledge and help build your CV and network. See examples below.

Courses/Summer school :

Coursera

A platform offering over 400 courses for free on various topics. All of the courses have an option to study for free but some do offer a possibility to earn a verified certificate for a small fee.

<https://www.coursera.org>

Recommendations include:

<https://www.coursera.org/course/globalhealthintro>, <https://www.coursera.org/learn/global->

[health](#) but there are many topics including business, engineering, computer science and arts and humanities.

EdX

A portal offering hundreds of online courses from the worlds leading universities such as MIT, Harvard, etc. on various fields. EdX offers a variety of global health & development related courses, which are generally free. They also offer a way of verifying your courses for a fee. However this is more for the acceptability for the American universities, and one can opt for a normal, free certificate, on these courses also.

<https://www.edx.org/course>

Copenhagen School of Global Health

University of Copenhagen's School of Global Health is anchored at the Department of Public Health, at the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences. They offer summer schools, MSc & MA programmes, Master's programmes, short courses, online learning and much more!

<http://globalhealth.ku.dk>

Unite for Sight

Online Global Health courses for your own use, and/or for your students, residents and GH colleagues. Each certificate course is \$65, and a transcript is provided. Courses are online, self-paced, with no deadline for completion. These types of courses can be used to augment GH programs at a variety of settings/levels (students, residents, GH tracks, etc.).

<http://www.uniteforsight.org/global-health-university/>

TropEd – Network for Education in International Health

A worldwide network providing opportunities for postgraduate education in international health. The network offers a wide range, over 160 courses online for varying fees.

<http://www.troped.org/courses/>

Sustainable development solutions network

Directed by Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, the SDSN offers (at the moment) three free online courses on the basics of sustainable development.

<https://www.sdsnedu.org/home>

Futulearn

A partnership of over 40 universities offering online courses on a variety of topics. The courses are free but one needs to purchase the certificate of completion separately.

<https://www.futurelearn.com>

University of Tampere Finland Program for Global Health's

Website offers free online courses

<http://www.uta.fi/globalhealth/education/e-learning/individual-courses.html>

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies - IFRC

The IFRC offers a variety of online courses. They offer smaller courses for free through their learning platform and larger entities, such as online certificates, for a fee.

<http://www.ifrc.org/en/get-involved/learning-education-training/>

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Open Online Courses (MOOCs) related to environmental education. Courses are added to the site as they are organized and are arranged by various hosts, usually in collaboration with UNEP.

http://www.unep.org/training/news_events/MOOCs.asp

Fogarty International Center

Provides a catalog of many global health -themed e-learning courses and resources..

<http://www.fic.nih.gov/Global/Pages/training-resources.aspx>

Partners in Health Ultrasound Manual

Great introduction guide to ultrasound in low resource settings

<http://www.pih.org/library/manual-of-ultrasound-for-resource-limited-settings>

3) Meet and network with people in Global Health. Going through the previous steps is helpful to get introduced but conferences add education and in person introductions to professional with common interests and goals.

CUGH conference

<http://www.cugh.org/events/2016-annual-cugh-global-health-conference>

Unite for Sight conference

<http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference/>

International AIDS society conferences

<http://www.ias.org/>

Canadian Conference on Global Health conference (CCGH)

<https://www.ccgh-csih.ca/ccgh2015/index>

Mentorship program with Canadian Society of International Health (CSIH)

<https://csihmentornet.wordpress.com>

[World Health Summit](http://www.worldhealthsummit.org/)

<http://www.worldhealthsummit.org/>

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) conference

<https://www.astmh.org/Home.htm>

Student Organizations :

IFMSA – International Federation of Medical Students Associations

<http://ifmsa.org>

International Pharmacy Students' Federation

<http://www.ipsf.org/>

International Association of Dental Students

<http://iads-web.org/>

Professional Organizations

Consortium of University of Global Health

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Canadian Society of International Health

International AIDS Society (IAS)

International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care (IAPAC)

Global Health Council

If you belong to a professional organization (i.e. American Academy of Pediatrics, American Dental Association) look at their professional conferences and often will have a global health division

4) *Get involved in Global Health. You do not need to be an expert already, only to have the motivation to get involved and an idea of what are your strengths and skills. Look for an internship in your field of study or work. You should also look at the local chapters of different organizations (MSF, Red cross, student organizations, Doctors of the World, etc.) as well as looking for the Faculty members in your university involved in projects or in research.*

Opportunities for internships

Copenhagen School of Global Health

List of various opportunities available in many different organizations

<http://globalhealth.ku.dk/opportunities/>

WHO Internships

<http://www.who.int/employment/internship/interns/en/>

UNICEF Internships

http://www.unicef.org/about/employ/index_internship.html

International Committee of the Red Cross

<https://www.icrc.org/en/homepage>

Child Family Health International

Programs for undergraduate, masters, medical students, residents, nursing and allied health students

<https://www.cfhi.org/>

Doctors of the World

<http://www.medecinsdumonde.org/gb>

Doctors without borders

<http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org>

Fellowships/job opportunities

General information

Northwestern Global Health Department

Has a fantastic web page with small descriptors of internships and fellowships for recent college or master's degree graduates.

<https://globalhealthportal.northwestern.edu/students/career-opportunities-0>

Job/Fellowship Opportunities in all disciplines

USAID global health fellows

Led by the Public Health Institute (PHI), helps USAID address its immediate and emerging human capital needs by developing a diverse group of global health professionals to support and sustain the effectiveness of the Agency's current and future health programs.

<https://www.ghfp.net/>

Global Health Corps

GHC provides opportunities for young professionals from diverse backgrounds to work on the frontlines of the fight for global health equity.

<http://ghcorps.org/>

International Career Employment weekly

Has job listings in health care, democracy building, education, program administration, environmental work, engineering and computer system support and internships.

<http://www.internationaljobs.org/>

Society of International Development

Often have career fairs and gatherings; sometimes in conjunction with college campuses.

<http://www.sidw.org/2014-career-fair>

Idealist

Great place to find volunteer opportunities, nonprofit jobs, internships, and organizations working to change the world.

www.idealists.org

United Nations Development Program

Goal to transform development, strengthen government and peacebuilding and prevent crisis. Have ways to get involved, information and job postings.

<http://www.undp.org/>

Reliefweb

Great resource to keep up on humanitarian relief need and work with great job postings and trainings.

<http://reliefweb.int/>

CDC

Has a great list and resources based off of training for fellowships including the EIS fellowship.

<http://www.cdc.gov/globalhealth/employment/training.htm>

Jesuit Volunteer Corps

<http://www.jesuitvolunteers.org/life-in-jvc/jvcs-work/across-the-globe>

Albert Schweitzer Fellowship: separate fellowships for medical students or other healthcare disciplines in Gabon

<http://www.schweitzerfellowship.org/chapters/lambarene/>

Also available by creating local opportunities in U.S. <http://www.schweitzerfellowship.org/about/>

McGill Humanitarian Studies Initiative (HSI)

The McGill Humanitarian Studies Initiative (HSI) offers innovative and multi-disciplinary humanitarian training programs that advance and improve the quality of humanitarian work and practice to improve the lives of people most affected by war and disaster around the world.

<http://www.mcgill.ca/familymed/global-health/courses/hsir>

Specific Medical Specialty Fellowships/Job Opportunities

Medicine in General

Global Health Service Partnership through Peace Corps and Seed Global Health

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/volunteer/globalhealth/>

HEAL Initiative-<http://healinitiative.org/>

Doris Duke International Clinical Research Fellowship:

<http://www.ddcf.org/what-we-fund/medical-research/goals-and-strategies/encourage-and-develop-clinical-research-careers/international-clinical-research-fellowship/>

Global Health Fellowships- Has a great database of medical fellowships based by residency or program with links to websites.

<http://www.globalhealthfellowships.org/database.html>

Pediatrics

Global Health Core through BIPAI - <http://www.bipai.org/health-service-corps>

David N. Pincus Global Health Fellowship through Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

<http://www.chop.edu/pediatric-fellowships/global-health-center/fellowship>

Boston Children's Hospital Global Health Fellowship - <http://www.childrenshospital.org/centers->

[and-services/global-pediatrics-program/medical-education/global-pediatric-fellowship-in-health-service-delivery](#)

UMASS Global Health Fellowship - <http://www.umassmed.edu/pediatrics/pediatrics-global-health-fellowship/>

5) Bonus point! – Stay informed with the news! It will allow you to know better about the current Global Health priorities, hot topics and opportunities! Many websites can also help you to be informed or better educated, such as Gapminder or TED. Some examples:

The Lancet Global Health

The Lancet Global Health is the first online-only, open access journal in The Lancet's now well established stable of monthly specialty journals. The Lancet Global Health publishes high-quality original research, commentary, and blogs on various subjects as they pertain to low and middle-income countries.

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/onlinefirst>

TWIGH

This Week In Global Health (TWIGH) is a weekly LIVE global health show where Dr Martin and a team of qualified global health experts and SYPs (Students and Young Professionals) give a brief overview of current events and topics in global health news space. You can also watch Dr. Greg Martin's short Youtube videos about what is global health, what to expect, how to get work on the field etc. You find playlists on Finding work in Global Health, Epidemiology, Global Health Ethics and Global Health Fact for instance.

<http://www.twigh.org>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/drgregmartin>

Gapminder

Hans Rosling, a professor of International Health at Karolinska Institute, explains global health & development related stats in a understandable and interesting way on short videos.

<http://www.gapminder.org/>

TED: Ideas Worth Spreading

A site devoted for short and powerful talks covering a wide variety of topics, including global health & development

www.ted.com

International Health Policies (IHP)

The International Health Policies (IHP) network is an initiative of the Health Policy unit at the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium (ITM), and fits in the institute's broader Knowledge Management (KM) Portfolio. The current 2014-2016 DGD framework agreement project "Collaborative knowledge management in international health policy and financing", involves both IHP (Health Policy Unit) and Communities of Practice (Health Economics unit). Synergies are sought as much as possible between these different knowledge management and networking activities. IHP activities comprise among others, 2 weekly newsletters (an English & French one), blogs, guest editorials from young researchers from the Global South. The IHP network is in line with the "Switching the Poles" ITM objective, aiming to increase the influence of the Global South on the global health scene & agenda (both in terms of research and policy).

<http://www.internationalhealthpolicies.org/>

The main point is to continue pursuing your dream and goal of working or be involved

in Global Health – it is an amazing, stimulating and evolving field that needs a lot of brilliant, motivated and dynamic new people!

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