

# China Medical Board Global Health Leadership Development Program

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The China Medical Board (CMB) is committed to promoting China's global health development. Over the past decade, China has played an increasingly prominent role in global health; but there is a growing need for global health practitioners who have strong practical field experience in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). To address this gap, CMB is pleased to launch the **CMB Global Health Leadership Development Program**, which aims to provide early career Chinese global health professionals with mentored hands-on opportunities in capacity building and field experience in LMICs.

Collaborating with world-leading institutions in global health in North America and Europe as program operating institutions, this brand-new CMB program brings together a network of outstanding LMIC training sites across different regions of the world that have the infrastructure, leadership, and mentoring experience to provide high-quality global health research and practice training for selected Chinese fellows.

In this program, a number of CMB Global Health Leadership fellows will be selected each year through a rigorous selection process to undergo one-year postdoctoral or postgraduate fellowship training. Under a tailored mentorship plan, the fellowship comprises up to three-months of orientation and training at the program operating institution, and a minimum of nine-months hands-on field work on a specific global health project at a host LMIC site.

The CMB will provide funding for this program, which will be administrated through the program operating institutions. Selected fellows will receive a living stipend and a project & training stipend, as well as coverage for international travel, visas and health insurance. Trainees will take the fellowship under a Co-Mentorship model, which includes a mentor from the program operating institution, a LMIC site mentor as well as a mentor from China. Through the fellowship, trainees will accumulate rich field work experience in LMICs through hands on participation in tailored global health projects, and under the supervision of distinguished global health experts from different regions. This will enable trainees to develop excellent professional networks, opportunities for collaboration and friendships with global health experts for their long-term career development. In addition, trainees will join CMB's Global Health Leadership fellow network for their future engagement.

Applicants for this CMB program must be of Chinese nationality and considered early-career health professionals. They should demonstrate strong suitability for this program based upon their professional interest as well as career development goals. Potential candidates include, but are not limited to, those from the following professional backgrounds:

Faculty members in health-related departments of universities in China;

- Public health practitioners, researchers and program management professionals working in disease-control agencies and other research institutions in China;
- Officials working in health-related sectors in Chinese governmental agencies;
- Clinical practitioners working in healthcare institutions in China who have strong interest and passion for a career in global health;
- Chinese students studying at universities in and outside China, who are in final year of their PhD (or equivalent) degree programs in health-related majors;
- Professionals from the biopharmaceutical and other related enterprises with strong interest or needs of global health engagement.

English language proficiency is required for all applicants. Specific eligibility requirements and application procedure may vary among different program operating institutions; detailed information of which can be found on individual institutions' program websites.

#### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2022 COHORT RECRUITMENT

To launch the first class of the Global Health Leadership Development Program, the CMB is pleased to collaborate with **Yale School of Medicine** (Yale) and the **London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine** (LSHTM) as the two program operating institutions. Recruitment of the 2022 cohort will start in summer 2021. Up to four CMB Global Health Leadership fellows will be selected by each institution, who will depart for the United States or the United Kingdom in late summer or early fall of 2022 to start their one-year fellowship training.

## **Program Faculty & LMIC Sites**

Yale and LSHTM has prepared a list of program faculty who will be the Yale/LSHTM mentors for selected fellows, as well as a list of over 12 host LMIC sites in Asia Pacific, Africa, and Latin America with more than 20 on-site faculty members who will also join the co-mentor team. The program also encourages involvement of a mentor from Chinese institutions in the trainee's fellowship activities. The co-mentor team will jointly guide the trainee in project proposal and training plan design, provide hands-on mentorship and supervision during the implementation of trainee's project, and offer assistance and support during the fellowship period. All LMIC mentors have extensive track records in collaborating with program operating institutions' faculty and successfully co-mentoring students in global health fields.

Selected fellows will work with program faculty who are experts in a broad range of global health topics including, but not limited to, emerging infectious diseases, chronic disease, public health practice and capacity building, health policy and systems, community health, health services and management, maternal and child health, nursing, and health project management.

Detailed descriptions regarding eligibility requirements, program faculty, LMIC sites, financial support arrangements and application procedure can be found on <a href="Yale Program Website">Yale Program Website</a> and <a href="LSHTM Program Website">LSHTM Program Website</a>.

### **Selection Process & Important Dates**

Up to eight CMB Global Health Leadership fellows will be selected for the 2022 cohort through a rigorous two-round selection process. Excellent credentials, strong English proficiency, and demonstrated potential as a future global health leader will be required to pass the first-round selection, which will include an interview. Up to 16 finalists will proceed to the second-round selection, during which they will follow the specific 'trainee-mentor matching' procedure designed by the program operating institution to identify a potential host site and co-mentor team from the list of pre-approved collaborating LMIC sites - based upon mutual fit - and develop a project proposal and training plan for external review. Four trainees will ultimately be selected to participate in the fellowship at each program operating institution.

Applicant is required to make his/her choice of the program operating institution clear at the beginning of application process and indicate his/her preferred host LMIC sites. However, applicants should **not** contact Yale/LSHTM program faculty or LMIC sites unless they have been advanced to the second-round selection stage.

Important Dates for 2022 Cohort Recruitment	
August 1, 2021	Application opens
October 31, 2021	Application deadline for first-round selection
November & December 2021	Interview for successful first-round candidates
January 15, 2022	Finalists proceed to second-round notified
March 15, 2022	Application deadline for second-round selection
May 1, 2022	Announcement of selected fellows
Late summer 2022	Fellowship period starts

# **How To Apply**

- Applicants should complete the **Online Application Form** to submit their basic information.
- Applicants should also submit the following materials in a <u>single PDF</u> document to <u>CMBBeijing@cmbfound.org</u> with 'GHLDP + Applicant's full name + Yale/LSTHM as the applicant chooses)' in subject line:
  - ✓ Curriculum Vitae (both Chinese version and English version)
  - ✓ Scanned copy of highest degree certificate
  - ✓ Scanned copy of most recent academic transcript (if applicable)
  - ✓ Personal Statement (in English, maximum 1,000 words)
- In addition, the following should be directly submitted by referees to <u>CMBBeijing@cmbfound.org</u> with 'Recommendation + Applicant's full name' in subject line:
  - ✓ 2 Letters of Recommendation (in English, maximum 1 page each)

Candidates who pass the first-round selection will be contacted by the CMB to participate in a virtual interview with the expert panel prior to proceeding to the second-round selection.

#### **Contacts**

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