

Imperial-University of Cape Town Global Health Fellows Programme

25 - 31 January 2015



What?

The University of Cape Town and Imperial College London are offering an opportunity to participate in the 2015 Global Health Fellows Programme. This consists of a four-day professional skills and Global Health Summer School and will take place on UCT campus from 25-31 January 2015. This is a chance to challenge yourself outside of your normal working environment, meet people from other disciplines and cultures and have fun!

Global Health Summer School

In an environment where funding is increasingly drawn to collaborative research, cross-university research is encouraged and interdisciplinary research is used as a problem solving strategy. The Imperial College Institute of Global Health Innovation and affiliated Wellcome Trust Centre for Global Health Research are initiatives that work in this way, bringing researchers together to meet challenges in Global Health. The Centre supports researchers' career development and fosters institutional interchange. It links Departments across the College's Faculties and established institutions in Africa, South America and South East Asia.

The research playing field is increasingly competitive and requires both excellence in research and strong professional skills. This course is designed to challenge students from Imperial, the University of Cape Town and other partner institutions to assess their research skills and develop their interdisciplinary awareness, examining opportunities to collaborate and improve research. The course will focus on skills essential for researchers and also feature insights from current Global Health researchers.

Topics covered in the course include:

- Creativity and development of collaborative research
- Effective team working and dealing with change
- Communication with impact: reaching different audiences
- Global Health networks and networking
- Research structures and taking research forward

At the end of the course students will have:

- A greater understanding of research in different institutions and career paths
- Analysed their current research plan
- Generated a new collaborative research proposal
- Examined group dynamics and team roles important in working collaboratively
- Considered how to communicate effectively with different audiences
- A greater understanding of current issues in Global Health

Who?

The Summer School has a capacity of 32 and up to 12 places have been reserved for UCT students.

Eligibility

Students must be registered at UCT and:

- Be a current PhD student (registered for at least 6 months) or a Masters student undertaking an upgrade to PhD
- Have an interest and awareness of Global Health concerns and a willingness to engage with current topics in Global Health

It is NOT a requirement for students to have an in depth background in Global Health, but students MUST be interested in engaging with Global Health concerns.

Why?

This is a challenging development opportunity which aims to strengthen participants' global skills and foster intercultural awareness. The Programme offers potentially career-changing international networking to help forge global links with academics and students based in the United Kingdom and from the Imperial Global Health network. As well as enhanced awareness of the research environment, participants will gain personal insights through activities on project management, creativity in research, team working and self-awareness.

How?

Please complete the application form that accompanies this advert and email it to Kathryn Wood (Kathryn.Wood@uct.ac.za) by **deadline of 16 December 2014**.

Applicant Criteria

Applicants likely to be successful will be those that:

- Show they will gain significantly from this specific programme and explain how in their application
- Have realistic expectations of the experience and explain their goals for the programme
- Demonstrate enthusiasm for engaging with peers from Global Health partners and Imperial
- Possess awareness of the skills necessary to develop links with international collaborators
- Show an awareness of Global Health concerns and a willingness to engage with current topics in Global Health

Students should explain how they meet the above criteria in their application.

Any queries, please contact Yolande.Harley@uct.ac.za