GNHE Scholarships in Health Equity

The Global Network for Health Equity (GNHE) announces the launch of its Scholarships Program for 2013 – 2014


General objective
The program aims to build capacity in low and middle-income countries for health systems research into issues of health systems equity and universal health coverage, by supporting junior researchers from those countries undertaking research on the following topics in particular:
• Equity in health systems financing and financial protection
• Equity in health systems delivery, including access and utilization
• Equity in health outcomes at the population level
• Universal health coverage

Applications from health economics and all other relevant research fields will be considered as well as inter-disciplinary proposals.

Target group
The program aims to attract post-graduate students (master degree programs or higher) who are interested in carrying out research in the form of an internship at one of the academic institutions affiliated to GNHE in Africa, Asia or Latin America and the Caribbean.

In principle, preference will be given to students who are working towards a masters or doctoral thesis and present a proposal approved by their university with support from a faculty advisor at their institution. Each proposal must include a letter of support from the institution where the student is affiliated and/or from the research supervisor.

Students are selected on the basis of their topic of study and its relevance to promoting equity in health within and across LMICs. Preference will be given to citizens or permanent residents of a LMIC in one of the three GNHE regions, but not exclusively.

Application procedure
To be considered for a GNHE scholarship students should send the following documentation to the email addresses provided at the end of this document:
1) Research proposal of no more than 1000 words and a page of bibliography
2) Letter from the student’s faculty advisor or research supervisor confirming the interest of the particular student to undertake the proposed research activity
3) Letter from the student’s University or department of study confirming that no other funding is available for the proposed research activity or that the GNHE scholarship is a necessary complement to other support received.
4) Resume that includes nationality and country of residence, as well as a detailed description of experiences as a student and with research activities in particular
5) If possible, 1 or 2 writing samples (papers and/or other publications)
6) Recommendation by a potential GNHE advisor (desirable; see below)

Students must provide proof that they have no other funding for the proposed research activity or that the GNHE scholarship is a necessary complement to other support received. This should be clarified in the letter of support from the research institution or research mentor.

The scholarship:
1) Provides acceptance to carry out research as an intern for three months at one of the recognized research institutions affiliated to GNHE.
2) Guarantees continuous research support from the GNHE researcher who agrees to take on the student.
3) Provides $5000 US in financial support for the period of time that the student is resident at the host GNHE institution that is expected to cover the costs of airfare, accommodation and all other in-country costs other than office space for the three months of the internship.

The student is expected to conclude the internship with a completed thesis or with at least all data and information collected and analysis completed so that only the writing part is left to finish following departure from the host institution. The final part of the scholarship -$1000 US (of the total $5000 US) will be paid once the thesis has been submitted, or a paper has been submitted to a refereed journal. Students are also required to share the final version of their thesis with GNHE (for publication on the GNHE website and reference)....