

2027-2028 HBNU Application

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**HBNU Fogarty Global Health Research Training Program:
A Partnership of Harvard University, Boston University, Northwestern University, and University
of New Mexico**

2027-2028 Fellowship Application

All applications are due electronically by **11:59pm ET on September 25, 2026.**

If you have any questions, please contact pshuang@hsph.harvard.edu.

The HBNU Fogarty Global Health Research Training Program is accepting applications from U.S. pre- and post-doctoral candidates and post-doctoral candidates from collaborating LMIC sites. For more information about the eligibility criteria and program components, [please refer to the HBNU website.](#)

Prior to beginning this application, please be sure you have done the following:

- Identified two primary mentors. One must be from a U.S. HBNU institution (Harvard University, Boston University, Northwestern University, or University of New Mexico); the other must be from your LMIC HBNU-affiliated site. Please note that while you may have additional mentors, it is expected that your HBNU mentors will be actively involved in your fellowship.
- Compiled all required documents listed in the application components.

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I am applying as (please use what your status will be as of July 1, 2027):

☐ U.S. Pre Doctoral Fellow: U.S. citizen or permanent resident doctoral student, (PhD, DrPH, etc) or professional student (MD, DDS, etc.) Please specify the university name.

☐ U.S. Post Doctoral Fellow (U.S. citizen or permanent resident)

☐ LMIC Post Doctoral Fellow from an affiliated international institution

Which HBNU U.S. consortium member are you affiliated/collaborating with for this fellowship? Note: this should correspond with the institution of your U.S. mentor.

☐ Harvard University

☐ Boston University

☐ Northwestern University

☐ University of New Mexico

How did you hear about this program?

- ☐ Attended the info session webinar
 - ☐ Spoke with a PI or faculty member
 - ☐ Was recommended by a mentor
 - ☐ Heard about the program from a colleague
 - ☐ Saw advertisement in newsletter or email outreach
 - ☐ Found application on the HBNU website
 - ☐ Other (please specify) _____
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Have you previously applied to the HBNU Fellowship or any other [Fogarty/LAUNCH Fellowship](#) (ex. ACHIEVE, GHES, GloCal, INSIGHT, NPGH, UJMT)?

- ☐ Yes, I have previously applied to HBNU
- ☐ Yes, I have previously applied to another Fogarty/LAUNCH Fellowship Program. Please specify: _____
- ☐ No

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Start of Block: AI Disclosure

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Usage Policy

NIH will not consider applications that are either substantially developed by AI, or contain sections substantially developed by AI, to be original ideas of applicants. If the detection of AI is identified post-award, NIH may refer the matter to the Office of Research Integrity to determine whether there is

research misconduct, while simultaneously taking enforcement actions including but not limited to disallowing costs, withholding future awards, wholly or in part suspending the grant, and possible termination.

For full details, please review: [Supporting Fairness and Originality in NIH Research Applications \(NOT-OD-25-132\)](#)

While the use of AI tools for tasks such as grammar checking, light editing, or formatting assistance is permissible, the ideas, narrative, and intellectual content of your application must be your own original work. Applications that are substantially written or developed by AI — including research proposals, personal statements, career goal statements, and other application materials — are not eligible for consideration.

Required Attestation

Before submitting your application, you must confirm the following by checking the box below:

- ☐ I attest that the materials submitted in this application — including my research proposal, personal statement, career goals, and all other written content — are my own original work and were not substantially developed or written by artificial intelligence tools. I understand that misrepresentation of the originality of my application may result in disqualification from the HBNU program and may be referred to the NIH Office of Research Integrity for review.

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Start of Block: Basic Information

Personal and Contact Information

Full Name

- ☐ Legal first (given) name _____
- ☐ Middle Name _____
- ☐ Legal last name (surname) _____
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Current Address

- ☐ Street Address _____
- ☐ City _____
- ☐ State/Territory/Province/Region _____
- ☐ Postal Code _____
- ☐ Country _____
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Is your permanent address **different** than your current address provided above?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes (please write your permanent address below, including the street address, city, state, postal code, and country) _____
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E-mail Address

Telephone Number (with country code)

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Applicant Demographics

Are you a...

☐ U.S. Citizen

☐ U.S. Permanent Resident. Please provide your USCIS #. This is the 9 digits found under your Given Name. Do not include dashes.

☐ Citizen of a country other than the U.S. (Please specify country)

Do you have an active B1/B2 visa?

☐ Yes, please provide the MONTH and YEAR it expires (Example: "March 2028")

☐ No

What is your sex?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other, please specify _____
- ☐ Prefer not to respond
-

Pronouns

- ☐ She/her
- ☐ He/him
- ☐ They/them
- ☐ Other, please specify _____
-

Date of Birth _____

Ethnicity

- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino
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Race (Please check ALL that apply)

- ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White or Caucasian
- ☐ Other racial identification (please specify)
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Do you have a physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
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The NIH defines "disadvantaged background" as those who meet two or more of the following criteria:

1. Were or currently are homeless, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Definition: <https://nche.ed.gov/mckinney-vento/>);
2. Were or currently are in the foster care system, as defined by the Administration for Children and Families (Definition: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/focus-areas/foster-care>);
3. Were eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for two or more years (Definition: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines>);
4. Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor's degree (see <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2018/2018009.pdf>);
5. Were or currently are eligible for Federal Pell grants (Definition: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell>);

6. Received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child (Definition: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-eligibility-requirements>).
 7. Grew up in one of the following areas: a) a U.S. rural area, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer (<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/rural-health>), or b) a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-designated Low-Income and Health Professional Shortage Areas (qualifying zipcodes are included in the file). Only one of the two possibilities in #7 can be used as a criterion for the disadvantaged background definition.
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Do you come from a disadvantaged background?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Education & Current Position

Please list your degree(s) and the year completed (ex. BS 2019, PhD 2024). Note: if you have not yet completed the degree, please indicate the expected completion

Please tell us the discipline/specialty of your degree(s) (e.g., internal medicine, epidemiology, etc.).

Do you have working knowledge of any language other than English? Please list any languages and level of proficiency (e.g., beginner, working/conversational, fluent).

What is your current professional title (e.g., postdoctoral fellow, lecturer, etc.)?

What is the name of your current department?

What is the name of your current institution/employer?

End of Block: Basic Information

Start of Block: Proposal Information

Fellowship Research Proposal In this section, you will provide brief information about your proposed fellowship research.

Research Study Title

Please enter your research project title in **Title Case**, capitalizing all major words.

Example: "Maternal Nutrition and Child Health Outcomes in Rural Tanzania"

Do not capitalize short articles, conjunctions, or prepositions unless they are the first or last word in the title (e.g., and, of, in, on, for, to, with, a, an, the).

Please select the primary research area(s) for your proposed fellowship research.

- ☐ Medium or high priority HIV/AIDS
- ☐ Maternal and child health and nutrition
- ☐ Non-communicable diseases
- ☐ Mental health
- ☐ Other, please specify _____

For medium and high-priority HIV/AIDS projects:

1. The contents of the application must justify the use of HIV/AIDS funding. The application must clearly focus on HIV/AIDS. The mere presence of an HIV group in the proposed study does not make it an HIV/AIDS study.
2. Applications must align with the Office of AIDS Research's (OAR) research strategy. For more information about the NIH definition of medium and high-priority HIV/AIDS research areas [please review this page](#).
3. HIV or AIDS should be meaningfully included throughout the application: in title, background, hypothesis, specific aims, approach, etc.
4. There must be explicitly stated HIV/AIDS-relevant outcomes, particularly in the study approach. Please note that merely determining the HIV positivity rate is not sufficient for support using HIV/AIDS funding.
5. Particularly for TB studies, there needs to be explicit targeting of HIV/AIDS patients. Known TB/HIV comorbidity does not justify the use of HIV/AIDS dollars.

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In addition to the primary research areas listed above, NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices (ICOs) may support HBNU Fogarty Fellowship projects which align with their research priorities. Please review the priorities to determine whether your project may align with one or more ICO. You can find more information [here](#).

Please indicate whether your proposed fellowship research aligns with the priorities of any of the following NIH ICOs (select all that apply)

- ☐ National Cancer Institute (NCI)
- ☐ National Eye Institute (NEI)
- ☐ National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
- ☐ National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)
- ☐ National Institute on Aging (NIA)
- ☐ National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
- ☐ National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
- ☐ National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)
- ☐ National Institute of Biomedical Image and Bioengineering (NIBIB)
- ☐ *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
- ☐ National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)
- ☐ National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)
- ☐ National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)
- ☐ National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

- ☐ National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
- ☐ National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)
- ☐ National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
- ☐ National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)
- ☐ National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)
- ☐ National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)
- ☐ National Library of Medicine (NLM)
- ☐ NIH Clinical Center (CC)
- ☐ Center for Information Technology (CIT)
- ☐ Center for Scientific Review (CSR)
- ☐ National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS)
- ☐ National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)
- ☐ Office of AIDS Research (OAR)
- ☐ Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR)
- ☐ Office of Disease Prevention (ODP)
- ☐ Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH)

Please select the HBNU-affiliated LMIC site where you will carry out your fellowship research project if accepted into the program.

Please note that your LMIC site mentor should be affiliated with your chosen site.

- ☐ International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research Bangladesh (icddr,b), Bangladesh
- ☐ Botswana Harvard Health Partnership (BHP), Botswana
- ☐ Addis Continental Institute of Public Health (ACIPH), Ethiopia
- ☐ The University of Ghana, Ghana
- ☐ Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) & Centre for Chronic Disease Control (CCDC), India
- ☐ Maseno University and School of Medicine, Kenya
- ☐ University of Sciences, Techniques, and Technologies of Bamako (USTTB), University of Bamako, Mali
- ☐ Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH), Nigeria
- ☐ University of Ibadan, University College Hospital, Nigeria
- ☐ University of Jos and Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH), Nigeria
- ☐ University of Lagos, College of Medicine and the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), Nigeria
- ☐ Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH), Peru
- ☐ University of Global Health Equity (UGHE), Rwanda
- ☐ Health Economics and Epidemiology Research Office (HE2RO), a Division of the Wits Health Consortium, South Africa
- ☐ The University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa
- ☐ The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), HIV Pathogenesis Program (HPP), South Africa

- ☐ Weill Bugando Medical Centre (BMC), Tanzania
 - ☐ Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), Tanzania
 - ☐ Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center (KCMC), Tanzania
 - ☐ Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST), Uganda
 - ☐ The University of Zambia School of Public Health (UNZA), Zambia
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Mentors

Candidates must secure the support of at least two mentors: one U.S.-based mentor from an HBNU-affiliated U.S. institution (Harvard University, Boston University, Northwestern University, or the University of New Mexico) and one mentor based at an HBNU-affiliated LMIC research site.

Applicants should identify and contact mentors whose expertise aligns with their proposed research project.

Mentor lists on the HBNU website are provided as a resource but are not exhaustive. Candidates may work with mentors who are affiliated with an HBNU institution or international research site but are not currently listed on the website. HBNU is happy to add eligible mentors to its listings as needed. In general, primary mentors should hold a faculty appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor or higher, or the equivalent rank at their institution.

Candidates are welcome to assemble multi-mentor teams or include additional mentors based on the needs of their research project. However, all applicants must identify two primary mentors on their application: (1) one U.S.-based HBNU mentor and (2) one LMIC site-based mentor.

U.S. Mentor Information

- ☐ U.S. Mentor First Name _____
 - ☐ U.S. Mentor Last Name _____
 - ☐ U.S. Mentor Institution _____
 - ☐ U.S. Mentor Email _____
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LMIC Mentor Information

- ☐ LMIC Mentor First Name _____
 - ☐ LMIC Mentor Last Name _____
 - ☐ LMIC Mentor Institution _____
 - ☐ LMIC Mentor Email _____
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Additional Mentors (if applicable)

Please provide any relevant information for additional mentors who will be involved in your fellowship project beyond the two required primary mentors. Include each mentor's name, institution, and role on your mentoring team (if applicable).

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HBNU Application Attachments

1. Personal Statement (<800 words)

Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “1_Last Name_Personal Statement”

Please describe why you are seeking an international mentored research experience at this stage of your career, including your short- and long-term goals in global health or research in international settings. Explain how this specific program fits your training needs and what you hope to gain from close mentorship to advance toward independence as a researcher.

2. Research Proposal (<1,000 words)

Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “2_Last Name_Research Proposal”

Describe your proposed research project. Please use the following format:

1. Research Project Title (write your project title in Title Case, capitalizing all major words).
2. Specific Aims
3. Research Plan
 - a. Significance
 - b. Innovation
 - c. Approach/Methods
4. References (does not count toward word limit)

Applicants should be sure to A) provide an explicit discussion of the significance of the proposed research; B) provide some demonstration of sufficient power to draw conclusions (e.g., power analyses) or discuss what informed the numbers; C) provide a clear description of the training benefits likely to be derived from the scope of work proposed.

For applicants submitting a proposal that is focused on HIV/AIDS, **please see Annex 1 in the HBNU Application Instructions and Requirements document.**

3. Benefits of Research to the United States (<300 words)

Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “3_Last Name_US Statement”

Please describe why the proposed research is best conducted in the international setting rather than exclusively in the United States. Applicants should explain the scientific value of conducting the study in an LMIC, including access to populations, diseases, exposures, health systems, or research

infrastructure that provide unique opportunities to generate knowledge that may not be attainable in a U.S.-based study alone. Applicants should also discuss how findings from the research, as well as the skills, knowledge, and collaborations gained during the fellowship, will contribute to addressing U.S. health priorities, strengthening U.S. research capacity, and improving the health of Americans.

- **Advance NIH's Mission:** Explain how the proposed research addresses important health challenges, advances scientific knowledge, or reduces disease burden in alignment with [NIH's mission and priorities](#).
- **Justify International Sites:** Briefly justify [why the international site is essential](#) to the proposed research, such as access to unique populations, diseases, exposures, health systems, or research resources not readily available in the United States.
- **Describe Direct Relevance to American Health:** Describe how the findings, training, and collaborations resulting from the fellowship will inform U.S. health priorities, strengthen U.S. research capacity, and improve health outcomes for Americans.

4. IRB & Ethical Approval Plan (<500 words)

Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “4_Last Name_IRB Plan”

Describe your timeline for applying for Institutional Review Board and ethical approvals. This may include the U.S. (HBNU institution) and international collaborating institutions/national IRBs. **Please be sure to include all IRBs/ethical review boards from which you will seek approval.**

5. Additional Funding (if applicable; <200 words)

(If applicable) Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “5_Last Name_Cofunding”

Please describe any additional sources of funding that you have available for your project/fellowship, or that you are applying for. This includes T32, D43, or MEPI grant support, secondary fellowships, K-award, etc. **If none, please do not submit.**

6. Fellowship Timeline (<500 words)

Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “6_Last Name_Timeline”

Describe what you intend to accomplish within the 12-month time frame (official fellowship dates are July 1 to June 30), the feasibility of the study within the available time frame, and the next steps to advance your research. Be sure to account for the time needed to obtain ethical approvals prior to beginning your research.

7. Short-Term Training Proposal (**FOR LMIC FELLOWS ONLY**; <500 words)

(If applicable) Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “7_Last Name_Short Training”

International fellows are expected to travel to their U.S. HBNU site for 1–3 months during the fellowship year. Candidates should discuss this with their mentors and submit a short proposal of the activities they will undertake in the U.S. Short-term training activities are designed to provide LMIC fellows with experiences and skills that are unique to the U.S. academic and research environment.

Fellows should engage in specialized training or work to complete aspects of their research that cannot be accomplished in their home institution (e.g., lacking the necessary equipment). The fellow simply working on their research in the mentor’s lab is not considered a “unique experience.” We acknowledge that for some types of research, it will be easier to plan unique experiences. Please work closely with your mentor to brainstorm ideas.

Please note that we expect this plan to be high-level and tentative. If awarded, fellows will have the opportunity to submit a more detailed short-term training plan during fellowship onboarding. **Please refer to Annex 2 in the HBNU Application Instructions and Requirements document.**

A note on U.S. visa requirements: HBNU is actively monitoring the evolving visa situation in the United States, which continues to present challenges for fellows from certain countries. For the purposes of this application, please develop your U.S. training plan as intended — outlining the activities and goals you would pursue at your U.S. institution. If you are ultimately unable to secure a visa due to current restrictions, HBNU will work with you and your mentors at that time to identify and approve an alternative international training site where equally rigorous training can be completed. Any alternative plan will require prior approval from HBNU leadership before being finalized.

8. Budget (<500 words)

Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “8_Last Name_Budget”

Provide a high-level budget that outlines the major costs needed to complete your research. This budget should only include direct costs for your research and may include costs associated with research dissemination. **Travel and living expenses should not be included in this budget.**

Please note that the **total amount approved** for research funds under this fellowship is **\$15,000**.

9. NIH Common Form Biosketch

Please submit this as an NIH Common Form Biosketch (certified PDF through SciENcv) and name the file “9_Last Name_HBNU Biosketch”

Please submit a Common Form Biosketch for the candidate and the two mentors. For instructions on the NIH Common Form Biosketch, **please refer to Annex 3 in the HBNU Application Instructions and Requirements document.**

We recognize that some candidates may not have an eRA Commons account or an institutional affiliation that provides access to an eRA Commons account and SciENcv. In these cases, it is acceptable to submit the [previous NIH biosketch format](#) instead of the Common Form Biosketch.

- Yourself
- Your HBNU-affiliated U.S. mentor
- Your international site mentor

You and your mentors should tailor your biosketches to this application (e.g., at the very least, mentor biosketches must make a general reference to their history and experience with mentorship).

10. Transcript (doctoral and professional students only)

(If applicable) Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “10_Last Name_Transcript”

Doctoral and professional student applicants must provide a PDF copy of their most recent transcript. **Non-official transcripts are preferred.** Post-doctoral applicants do not need to include a transcript.

11. Mentorship Plan (<500 words)

Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “11_Last Name_Mentorship Plan”

Describe your proposed mentorship plan. The plan should outline practical experiences to be gained, career development activities, any relevant coursework, and benchmarks for evaluating the success of the training experience. Please include:

- **Mentors:** Names, affiliations, and backgrounds of your U.S. HBNU-affiliated mentor and LMIC Site Mentor; justification for selecting each mentor; and whether you have previously worked with them.
- **Mentor Roles and Engagement:** Each mentor's role in the research project, including specific activities they will support, and the frequency and location of meetings.
- **Training and Career Development Goals:** Goals of the mentoring relationship, practical experiences to be gained, career development activities, coursework (if applicable), and evaluative benchmarks for success.

- **Resources and Infrastructure:** Available mentoring, research, and institutional resources that will support the proposed project.

12. Letters of Support

Please submit your signed letters of support as PDF documents and name the files “12_Mentor Last Name_LOS”

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All applicants must obtain and submit letters of support from both primary mentors. Applicants should communicate with their proposed mentors in advance to discuss the proposed project and obtain their endorsement of the application.

Letter 1: Fellows should have the support of at least one program-affiliated faculty mentor from one of the four participating consortium institutions (Harvard University, Boston University, Northwestern University, and University of New Mexico).

Letter 2: Fellows must also have the support of at least one mentor from their HBNU-affiliated international site who is willing to serve as the fellow’s international site mentor. International mentors can be found on the HBNU website.

13. Letter of Commitment (if applicable)

(If applicable) Please submit this as a PDF document and name the file “13_Last Name_Letter of Commitment”

If the applicant would need to take time off from a current academic, residency, or fellowship program or a current position in order to participate in the HBNU program, an additional letter must include the endorsement of the program director or current supervisor.

The letter must acknowledge that the applicant, if selected, will be required to work 40 hours per week (at a minimum) on their HBNU project for 12 months. The letter must also describe how the applicant's current workload will be reduced to provide this protected time.

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Thank you for taking the time to complete your application for the HBNU Fogarty Global Health Fellowship (2027-2028).

Please take a moment to review your entries. When you are ready to finalize your submission, click "Submit." You may also use the "Back" button to revisit any sections you wish to modify.

After submitting your application, you will be shown a summary of your response.

We appreciate your interest in global health research.

End of Block: Closing
