BSMS Global Health Scholarship Fund: Supporting equity in health and empowering future global health leaders!

You can help fund a deserving student to come study with us. Each year, many brilliant students apply for our course but are unable to join the course due to financial constraints. We are only able to provide a limited scholarship, but you can help support more students. Scholarships are transformational for students and for global health equity. Read more about the scholarship and how you can help. Read more about the scholarship and how you can help at [bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate/global-health](https://www.bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught-degrees/global-health.aspx)

**Scholarship Fund for MSc in Global Health:** **Supporting equity in health and empowering future global health leaders!**

**Rationale**:

The MSc Global Health scholarship will provide financial support to deserving students, ensuring that they have the opportunity to pursue their education without the financial burden. The scholarship will allow the students to fully immerse themselves in the program, in order to excel academically, gaining the necessary skills and knowledge to contribute to the field of global health once they complete the program.

The scholarship will support individual students to develop professionally which will not only benefit the individual student but also the wider community as they apply their knowledge and skills to tackling global health challenges in their future career. In particular, supporting capacity enhancement of a student from a low-income setting contributes to addressing inequalities, advancing sustainable development and results in significant long-term benefits for global health and society as a whole.

**Our Program Overview**: The MSc in Global Health at BSMS is a comprehensive, multi-, inter- and cross-disciplinary program that provides students with the knowledge, skills, and practical experience necessary to address complex health issues at a local, national, regional and global level. The program covers a wide range of topics, including global burden of disease; globalisation and health; conflict violence and health; access to medicines; communicable diseases; epidemiology; health and development; economic evaluation of healthcare; sustainable healthcare; and research methodologies among others.

**Duration**: 1 year (fulltime)

**What the course offers, and skills developed:**

1. **Professionals tackling global health challenges worldwide**: Our MSc in Global Health equips students with the skills and expertise needed to address global health challenges across different contexts. Our alumni have gone on to work in different fields in organisations tackling important global health challenges such as Save the Children, the British Red Cross, Tropical Health Education Trust, WHO country offices, and national governments and ministries of health.
2. **Competent global health researchers:** Evidence-based interventions are crucial in addressing global health problems. Our program helps students become competent and confident independent researchers who contribute to designing and implementing evidence-based interventions to improve health outcomes worldwide.
3. **International collaborations and partnerships:** Our program provides an environment that fosters collaboration with local and international organizations, research institutions, and governmental agencies. We have partners in over 25 countries in Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas. These collaborations provide students with valuable networking opportunities, field experiences, and access to vast resources, further enhancing their learning and career prospects.
4. **Change advocates**: The program fosters leadership development and capacity building, empowering students to become change agents in their respective communities and countries. Graduates are equipped with the skills to lead health initiatives, research projects and organisations, advocate for policy changes, and contribute to strengthening health systems in their countries and globally.
5. **Research and innovation**: The research in our department is world-renowned and our students are encouraged and supported to develop and undertake research projects that address critical health issues, leading to evidence-based practices and policy recommendations. Our students have published their research in leading journals and continue to conduct impactful research once they complete the course; with some proceeding to doctoral studies. Funding a student to complete our program supports impactful research that can directly contribute to addressing health inequities.
6. **Friendly and supportive environment for students to thrive:** The school is located in Brighton, a beautiful city which is full of culture and diversity. Students benefit from the University of Sussex, the University of Brighton and the Institute of Development Studies’ resources and expertise. The school provides an excellent learning environment where students are provided both learning and social support enabling them to succeed academically.

**Justification for Funding**

1. Global health problems transcend boundaries- a problem in one part of the world can quickly spread globally as witnessed in multiple pandemics- most recently with the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact of localised global health issues can also be far-reaching as seen in conflict regions and natural disaster regions. Training a global health professional benefits the whole world.
2. More than 90% of our applicants are from low- and middle-income countries where global health professionals are sorely needed. Funding a student from this context would help address global health challenges at their root and prevent their escalation to the rest of the world.
3. Many of our international applicants who get offered an opportunity to study on our course do not join the course due to lack of funding. A scholarship increases inclusivity in our course and in education opportunities.
4. To build a more cohesive and kinder world, cross-cultural learning is paramount. Our course is very diverse allowing students to interact with other students and staff from different parts of the world. Exceptionally, funding an international student helps enrich this pool of learners further.

**How you can help:**

You can help support tuition, stipend, relocation (for international students) and research for a brilliant and deserving international student or UK student. Please contact the course leader a.gatuguta@bsms.ac.uk for more details on costs.

**Scholarship Benefits:**

* The scholarship allows the student to fully focus on their studies without constant financial worries and alleviates the need to work while studying.
* The scholarship strengthens partnerships with the student, our school, our partner institutions and the funder fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange.
* The scholarship helps build the reputation of the funder and contributes to sustainable development.
* The graduates will go on to actively contribute to reducing health inequalities and improving health outcomes for many people globally.

You can read more about the course [here](https://www.bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught-degrees/global-health.aspx).

If you would like to donate towards a scholarship or would like more information please contact:

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Listen to our scholarship recipients talk about how useful the scholarship was:

Link to [Liz video](https://youtu.be/OrRl6VcicEg)