

## TUFTS-UGHE ONE HEALTH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

### Call for One Health Fellowship Applications

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The University of Global Health Equity (UGHE), The University of Rwanda (UR) and The Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, have created a One Health Collaborative (OHC) with a mission to *“train the next generation of leaders through a One Health approach; utilizing systems thinking to equitably improve the health of humans, animals, and the environment using multidisciplinary training, evidence-based research, and implementation science.”* The OHC serves as an interdisciplinary framework that anchors UGHE’s and UR’s health science research and training around One Health (OH) principles. These innovative programs will yield global health leaders with a strong technical fluency in OH.

A key component of this mission is the **One Health Fellowship program**. This is a bilateral, global exchange initiative, designed to promote mutual understanding, enhance One Health leadership and professional skills, and build lasting and sustainable partnerships between the Fellows, Rwandan institutions, and partners in the United States (US). The Fellowship program creates a network of OH leaders who can use their professional knowledge to minimize public health threats in their countries and communities through targeted OH leadership training, deliberately crafted fellowship placements, and creation of strategic and sustainable partnerships.

The Fellowship program will launch recent graduates and young OH leaders on career paths by giving them a broader set of working experience and skills. Recent graduates, as well as junior faculty from UGHE and UR will be selected to participate in the Fellowship program. Young leaders who play vital roles in strengthening their communities by building resiliency in the face of public health threats are encouraged to apply. Fellows will be selected from a range of disciplines, including medicine, veterinary medicine, social and environmental sciences, nursing, policy, customs, gender and women’s empowerment, media, psychosocial health, and community organization.

The fellowship will take place from mid-May to the end of June 2020. The eight fellows selected to participate will spend a period of six weeks in the US, which includes a four-week individually tailored placement at a US-based organization.

#### Eligibility

Fellows must:

- Be 25-40 years old;
- Be citizen and/or current resident of Rwanda;
- Be a recent graduate of or employed as Junior Faculty at UGHE or UR;
- Be fluent in spoken and written English;
- Be involved in a health care-related discipline, including: medicine, veterinary medicine, social and environmental sciences, nursing, policy, economics, customs, gender and women; empowerment, media, schools, psycho-social health, community organization;
- Play a key, supporting role in combating health threats;
- Have at least two years’ relevant work experience or be currently employed;

#### How will the program benefit participants?

Fellows will:

- Gain first-hand knowledge about US public health organizations and institutions, while building networks and relationships with US counterparts.

- Be placed at a US-based, OH organization that is unique to each fellow’s public health interests.
- Collaborate with their US counterparts by sharing ideas, approaches, and strategies for One Health challenges.
- Participate in a fully-funded program with comprehensive on-site support. Travel and living arrangements will be covered, and emergency health insurance and visa fees will be provided.
- Become part of a prestigious One Health Network accessible through LinkedIn. Alumni will gain access to resources, including an international network of like-minded professionals spanning the globe.
- Gain competencies in One Health leadership and advocacy, management, civic engagement, networking and advocacy. Participation provides the opportunity to become a transformative agent in the community. Fellows will leave the program with the necessary tools for resiliency in the face of public health threats.
- Have an opportunity to develop a follow-up project to be implemented in Rwanda.

**Other program components:**

The six-week Fellowship begins with active participation in the One Health Leadership and Advocacy (OHLA) workshop at the Cummings School. Cummings Host International will welcome fellows into the Tufts community and will facilitate meaningful cross-cultural experiences.

After the workshop, fellows will attend an international conference providing an opportunity to network with One Health players from around the world.

If you are interested in applying for the One Health Fellowship, review the eligibility and application guidelines and download the application form from our website. The deadline for submitting your application is **February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Applicants will be notified about acceptance by **March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.

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