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Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research

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The Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research uses critical problem-solving approaches to pursue effectiveness, equity, and excellence in global health. We are global health leaders, researchers, practitioners, and students working at the interface between research, policy, and practice to address 21st-century global health challenges.

We conduct research, teach, and form partnerships in three thematic areas:

Planetary Health
A planetary health perspective views human health as a function and emergent property of the interdependent relationships between human systems and the natural systems in which we live. Our research calls urgent attention to the health of human civilization, the state of the natural systems and ecological boundaries on which our health depends, and the relationships and dynamics between these interwoven processes.

Global Health & Humanitarianism
We work to improve the clinical public health effectiveness of humanitarian response with scientific research, technological innovation, an appreciation of complex adaptive systems, and critical perspectives that address the realities of contemporary humanitarian policy and practice.

Global Health Foresighting
What is the global health we want? We ask this question in multiple ways and contexts, and we pursue innovative and transdisciplinary approaches to design more effective, just, and equitable solutions that address the health challenges of the global commons.

We use diverse methods to address the pressing global health challenges of our time, creating knowledge that supports policy and practice in our three thematic areas.

The Dahdaleh Institute is widely recognized for its collaborative and transdisciplinary research, its meaningful impacts, and its leadership in fostering a new generation of global health scholars and practitioners.

As a university-wide organized research unit, the Dahdaleh Institute has six founding Faculties: Faculty of Education, Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change, Faculty of Health, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, Lassonde School of Engineering, and Osgoode Hall Law School. The Institute also has long-standing affiliations with the Faculty of Science and the School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design.

Dahdaleh Institute Membership

The Dahdaleh Institute (DI) invites faculty members, researchers, students, and community members engaged in global health research to apply for membership at the Dahdaleh Institute in one of twelve membership categories: as *Faculty Fellows*; *Senior Fellows*; *Postdoctoral, Research,* or *Community Fellows*; *Research Associates*; *Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholars*; *Graduate Student Scholars*; *Global Health Interns*; *Visiting Scholars*; *Staff*; or *Alumni*, as appropriate. This document describes eligibility for each category as well as the expectations, benefits, and term lengths.

Each April, members are expected to complete the Annual Reporting Form to report on activities directly related to their association with the Institute, including research projects, funding proposals, events, and publications.

Dahdaleh Institute members actively contribute to and foster excellence and collegiality in global health research that addresses the Institute's three thematic research areas. They also support research knowledge translation by engaging knowledge users, including other researchers, governments, multilateral institutions, the private sector, and civil society organizations.

At the Dahdaleh Institute, we believe that excellence is enhanced by faculty, fellows, scholars, interns, staff, and alumni who bring a diversity of knowledge from their lived experiences. We therefore encourage applications from historically marginalized and underrepresented groups, whether because of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, dis/ability, sexuality, or intersections across these social locations. We are committed to a workplace that respects and supports members from historically underrepresented groups.

The membership committee is comprised of at least 4 current DI members, who serve for a two-year term and are eligible for renewal once. Ex officio member is the DI director.

For more about membership at the Dahdaleh Institute, please visit:
https://www.yorku.ca/dighr/membership

Benefits and Opportunities

Membership offers a range of benefits and opportunities, including access to:

- a thriving, collaborative community engaged in global health research;
- a collegial work and meeting space;
- all Dahdaleh Institute seminar series, global health workshops, symposia, and special events;
- transdisciplinary collaboration among faculty and researchers;
- opportunities through the Dahdaleh Institute's faculty-led Critical Perspectives in Global Health (CPGH) Seed Grant Program;
- writing support through peer review groups and writing workshops;
- administrative support in applying for and administering research grants held by or supported by the Institute;
- website, communication, knowledge mobilization, and research dissemination support;
- research support, including internships, scholarships, assistantships, and volunteer opportunities;
- global health graduate student and postdoctorate research travel grants;
- the Dahdaleh Institute research forum listserv and weekly newsletter.

How to Apply

Membership is by invitation or application.

Global health researchers who are interested in membership at the Dahdaleh Institute must submit the Membership Application Form (see: http://go.yorku.ca/di-membership) along with their up-to-date curriculum vitae, a photograph, a brief biography, a description of their current/planned research projects in global health to be undertaken relevant to the DI, and list of DI members who may be existing/prospective collaborators.

Decisions on membership applications will be made by the DI Membership Committee.

Application deadlines are January 31, May 31, and September 30.

Applications will be reviewed by the committee shortly after each deadline. Applicants may be contacted if additional information is required. While ad hoc adjudication may be available if required for visiting scholars, please note that the Membership Committee will generally not review applications outside of these three time periods.

All queries can be directed to: dighr@yorku.ca

Faculty Fellows

Faculty Fellows are actively engaged in research projects in at least one of the Institute's thematic areas of focus and are encouraged to participate in the research and intellectual life of the Institute by:

- initiating, supporting, and attending research seminars, workshops, or Institute events;
- presenting and disseminating their research at the Institute's weekly seminar series;
- attracting research grants;
- publishing peer-reviewed research and commentary;
- supervising or engaging in knowledge creation and mobilization of research evidence;
- hosting their relevant Postdoctoral, Research, or Community Fellows at the Institute;
- mentoring Graduate Student Scholars, Undergraduate Student Scholars, and Global Health Interns who support their research; and
- joining at least one Dahdaleh Institute committee in each three-year term (e.g., Research, Events and Programs, Membership, or Scholarship).

a) York University Faculty Fellows

York University Faculty Fellows are full-time faculty who hold appointments in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and who teach and supervise York University graduate and undergraduate students. Most/Some of their research is relevant to the themes of the Institute. York University Faculty Fellows have access to all outlined benefits. Their graduate students are encouraged to become Graduate Student Scholars at the Institute and will be eligible to apply for the Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholarship.

Membership is for a three-year term and is renewable.

b) Visiting and Adjunct Faculty Fellows

Visiting Faculty Fellows are faculty at other universities engaged in an Institute-associated research program for a limited duration/residency e.g., a sabbatical leave from their home institution.

Adjunct Faculty formally appointed to a relevant York University Faculty or School (or at another academic institution) can be DI Adjunct Faculty Fellows. They must supervise and/or mentor an Undergraduate or Graduate Student Scholar at the Institute.

Membership is for a three-year term and is renewable.

Senior Fellows

Senior Fellows are distinguished researchers, public servants, politicians, entrepreneurs, civil society leaders or Professor Emeritus/Emerita/Emerit who have made or are making distinctive national or international contributions to global health in the public or private sector or who have demonstrated distinctive global health leadership in the community or in global health research. Senior Fellows have access to all membership opportunities and benefits and are expected to engage in and support the intellectual life of the Institute and be willing to mentor at least one Global Health Intern, Graduate Student Scholar, or Research Fellow.

Membership is for a three-year term and is renewable.

Postdoctoral Research Fellows

To encourage transdisciplinarity, Postdoctoral Research Fellows should ideally be supervised by two York University Faculty Fellows from two separate founding Faculties and be actively conducting or supporting research. They engage in the intellectual life of the Institute by:

- supporting or attracting research grants;
- publishing peer-reviewed research and commentary;
- engaging in knowledge creation and mobilization of research evidence;
- initiating, supporting, and attending research seminars, workshops, or Institute events;
- and presenting their ongoing research annually in a graduate seminar format.

Postdoctoral Research Fellows have access to research-related travel grants. They are eligible for assigned office space and can receive administrative support to submit research grants through the Institute. With the consent and active support of their academic supervisors, Postdoctoral Research Fellows can apply as Principal Investigators for Tri-Council and other grant opportunities.

Membership is for a three-year term (or less, based on duration of appointment, employment, or project/grant term) and is renewable.

Research Fellows

Research Fellows typically hold a graduate research degree and actively conduct or support research under the supervision of a York University Faculty Fellow of the Institute. Research Fellows will engage in the intellectual life of the Institute by:

- supporting faculty-led research;
- supporting or attracting research grants;
- supporting the publication of peer-reviewed research and commentary;
- supporting knowledge creation and mobilization; and
- supporting, attending, and (by invitation) leading research seminars, workshops, or Institute events.

Membership is for a three-year term (or less, based on duration of appointment, employment, or project/grant term) and is renewable.

Community Fellows

Community Fellows, employed by government, multilateral, or non-governmental organizations or working in the philanthropic or private sectors, are engaged in or support global health activity, research, or knowledge mobilization relevant to the Institute's three themes. Community Fellows are supported by at least one Faculty Fellow of the Institute and may receive an honorarium or limited-term partial compensation through the Institute.

Membership is for a three-year term (or less, based on duration of appointment, employment, or project/grant term) and is renewable.

Research Associates

Research Associates implement specific Dahdaleh Institute research activities under the direction and research funding of a York University Faculty Fellow of the Institute. Research Associates may have access to designated workspace and can support, attend, and (by invitation) lead research seminars, workshops, or Institute events.

Membership is for a three-year term (or less, based on duration of appointment, employment, or project/grant term) and is renewable.

Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholars

Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholars currently hold and must meet the ongoing requirements of a Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholarship. They undertake research that aligns with the themes of the Institute and are supervised by an Institute Faculty Fellow. Dahdaleh Global Health Graduate Scholars participate in the Institute's seminar series and will be expected to present their research work to the Dahdaleh Institute community.

Graduate Student Scholars

Graduate Student Scholars must be registered graduate students at York University or another university and undertaking research that aligns with the themes of the Institute under the supervision of a Faculty Fellow. Membership is by invitation or application and is renewable. Graduate Student Scholars are expected to participate in the Institute's seminar series and to present their research work to the Dahdaleh Institute community.

Membership is for a three-year term (retains membership based on meeting the criteria of continued enrollment, appointment, employment, or active engagement on project/grant term) and is renewable.

Global Health Interns

Global Health Interns are undergraduate students or undergraduate degree holders who volunteer, are engaged in a course or program practicum, or are employed by the Institute to support the Institute's administration or research activities. Global Health Interns are expected to participate in the Institute's seminar series and to present their research work at the annual Intern symposium.

Membership is for a three-year term (retains membership based on meeting the criteria of continued enrollment, appointment, employment, or active engagement on project/grant term) and is renewable.

Visiting Scholars

Visiting Scholars are students, researchers, or professionals from institutions outside of York University whose ongoing research falls within the Dahdaleh Institute mandate. Visiting Scholars must be nominated and sponsored by a Faculty Fellow or Research Fellow. Visiting Scholars are normally appointed for up to one year, but the length of term shall be decided on a case-by-case basis and may be renewed at the discretion of the director in consultation with the Membership Committee. Visiting Scholars are expected to be self-funded.

Staff

Full- or part-time Institute Staff support the Institute by administering, organizing, coordinating, or engaging in research projects. They may participate in, co-lead, or support research, seminars, and workshops at the Institute.

Alumni

Alumni are former members of the Institute who wish to remain associated with the Institute. Alumni are welcome to attend and participate in seminars and public events of the Institute.

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