LEADERSHIP IN GLOBAL HEALTH FELLOWSHIP 2023 PROGRAM

The Leadership in Global Health Fellowship offers students and trainees an internship with a high impact global health institution and a nurturing leadership network to deepen learning and connections. The program contributes to the development of future leadership in global health by training aspiring professionals who understand the critical importance of good health for a just and equitable society.

"Understanding those experiences [of underserved communities] is different when you actually work with people who have experienced those things. So that was just a really impactful experience for me."

Since its inception in 2020, the program has experienced a significant surge in demand from students and trainees. In the first year, the program received 39 applications from 4 schools, while in 2023, it received 61 applications from 5 schools. Moreover, the number of fellows placed has doubled from 6 in 2020 to 12 in 2023.

“It impacted my career trajectory in that I have received an offer to continue working with the organization, as time allows for me during my studies."
In 2023, students participated in both virtual and in-person placements at leading organizations such as GAVI, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), UNDP, UNICEF, and the World Bank. Out of the 12 program participants, 10 completed a satisfaction survey, and the results indicated that all of them were highly satisfied with the fellowship program. Furthermore, 100% of these participants expressed their satisfaction and recommended the program. Host organizations were pleased with fellows' skills and expressed interest in future collaboration with YIGH. Below are quotes from a few students who participated in the program:

"Being with the 11 other students, and peers I worked closely with, it was amazing to have that sort of comfort there."

"I immersed myself in a new topic that I was not familiar with, which gave me a new horizon."

“I think that having your [YIGH team] support and being able to ask for advice from such experts has made it much more easier to navigate for me.”