



The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Institut de hautes études internationales et du développement, IHEID) is an institution of research and higher education dedicated to the study of world affairs.

The Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is recruiting a

PhD Student

PERIOD OF CONTRACT

February 2020 - 2023

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

15 January 2020

The **Global Health Centre (GHC)** at the **Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies** invites applications for a doctoral student, whose work engages with the fields of finance, global health, and biomedicine. This position is designed for scholars to engage with the financial aspects of global health, including issues related to drug development and access across high-, middle-, and low-income countries. The doctoral student will contribute to a new research project sponsored by the Swiss National Science Foundation (**Grant #189186**): “The Impact of Financialization on Global Health: A Series of Pharmaceutical Case Studies” (FINPHARM).

Project Description

In recent decades the structure of national and global economies has undergone a significant shift, characterised as financialisation whereby economic, social and political life are being increasingly shaped by financial actors and motives. The central objective of the project is to examine the impact of financialisation on the development and use of pharmaceuticals in three areas of global health significance: (1) HIV prevention (2) effective treatments and vaccine for Ebola Virus Disease, and (3) antimicrobial resistance (AMR). This project requires an innovative inter-disciplinary approach that brings together expertise in understanding how the worlds of finance and pharmaceuticals work and interact, with insight into how global health problems and solutions then play out in the real world. For each of these areas, we will assemble in-depth case studies of pharmaceutical solutions, linking research on “upstream” financial factors affecting their development with clinical, epidemiological and social realities “downstream”.

The student will also become a core part of a vibrant research community that includes seminars, expert workshops, international conferences and interacts across the academic and practitioner community in Global Health in Geneva.

Primary duties:

- Synthesizing literature in relevant scholarly fields, such as anthropology and sociology, as well as empirical fields related to the topic of study, including the clinical sciences and finance.
- Generating datasets from qualitative and quantitative sources, including by developing questionnaires, cataloguing themes, isolating trends, and offering sound insights.
- Developing a case study and history of a particular medicine.
- Writing manuscripts for peer reviewed journals as first author.
- Contributing to additional projects and papers as co-author based on analysis of the above data.
- Supporting the FINPHARM research team in academic and administrative tasks related to the project.

Qualifications and skills:

- Current PhD student or Master student starting a PhD in September
- Strong interest in pharmaceutical R&D, global health, or medical anthropology
- Experience working on collaborative research teams.
- Experience with quantitative and qualitative methods
- Proficiency in English

Preference will be given to candidates with significant experience conducting collaborative research in global or public health environments. As this is a multi disciplinary team candidates may come from several disciplinary fields including: finance, economics, history, sociology, medical sciences, or medical anthropology. We are particularly interested in scholars whose research addresses issues related to HIV prevention, Ebola and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) or pharmaceutical R&D.

How to apply?

To receive full consideration, the following materials should be submitted:

- A cover letter stating the applicant's past experience and interests in work concerning finance, global health and/or biomedicine, and explaining how participation in this research group would advance the applicant's planned dissertation work. The cover letter should not exceed 750 words.
- Two writing samples that demonstrate the applicant's ability to present a thesis clearly and concisely. Samples could include a first-authored peer-reviewed article, academic essay, book review, online article, or equivalent.
- Your full-length CV, highlighting relevant work experience.

All application materials should be sent as a single PDF in an email titled "FINPHARM PhD Application" to Ryan Whitacre, PhD (ryan.whitacre@graduateinstute.ch). Applications will be received by the research team until **January 15, 2019**, or until the position is closed.