

# Stanford Global Health Media Fellowship

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. I'm currently a fourth year medical student. Am I eligible?**

Fellows must be a current medical student during the period of the fellowship. Fourth-year medical students interested in applying can opt to delay their residency and do a fifth year of medical school in order to be eligible.

### **2. Is the fellowship open to medical students outside Stanford?**

Yes. We invite applicants from all U.S. medical schools to apply, and outstanding candidates from any U.S. medical school will be considered. However, preference may be given to Stanford students for funding reasons. About half of all previous fellows selected have been from outside Stanford.

### **3. Can an application extension be granted?**

In fairness to all candidates, no special deadline extensions are granted.

### **4. Do you offer training programs for other types of students or practicing physicians?**

This is Stanford Global Health's only current media fellowship and it is limited to allopathic or osteopathic medical students. You can find a compilation of [High-Level Training Opportunities in Mass Health Communications](#) in this publication by a former fellow. Stanford students interested in taking an independent study course in global health communications may contact Jamie Hansen at [jmhansen@stanford.edu](mailto:jmhansen@stanford.edu) to explore this option.

### **5. What skills will a successful applicant have?**

We look for applicants with a passion for/experience in global health, as well as a deep interest in incorporating communication/journalism into their career. You don't necessarily have to have in-depth journalism experience, but it is helpful to demonstrate that you understand the power of storytelling and have some proven skills for communicating with public audiences. These skills can be demonstrated through op-eds or news articles published in general media publications or student newspapers, videos or podcasts developed for a general audience, or a well-thought-out social media campaign related to global or public health.

### **6. Do you accept osteopaths or PAs?**

The fellowship is currently limited to MD and DO students.

### **7. What is the timeline for selection?**

Applications close Jan. 19, 2024. We aim to contact finalists by mid-late February. A fellow is typically selected by early-mid March.

## **8. Funding**

Fellows receive a modest living stipend in addition to a travel stipend for the capstone project and an additional stipend from CNN during their internship period.

## **9. Timeline of Fellowship**

- **September-December:** Fellowship begins with the student auditing the Autumn Quarter of Stanford Journalism Master's Program and ends in June or July (flexible).
- **January - April/May:** Fellow interns full time with the CNN Health Newsroom in Atlanta.
- **Late April/Early May:** Fellow completes a capstone project based on their interests and focused on developing the skills they most wish to hone to improve their global health storytelling and mass communication capabilities. This usually takes 1-3 months.