

Global Health Equity & Innovation Summit: Creating a Pandemic of Health

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INVITATION TO SUBMIT POSTER PROPOSALS LED BY STUDENTS, POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS & JUNIOR FACULTY

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Equitable creation and spread of health, not just the more traditional focus on the fight against disease and avoidable causes of death, must be the main purpose of public health.

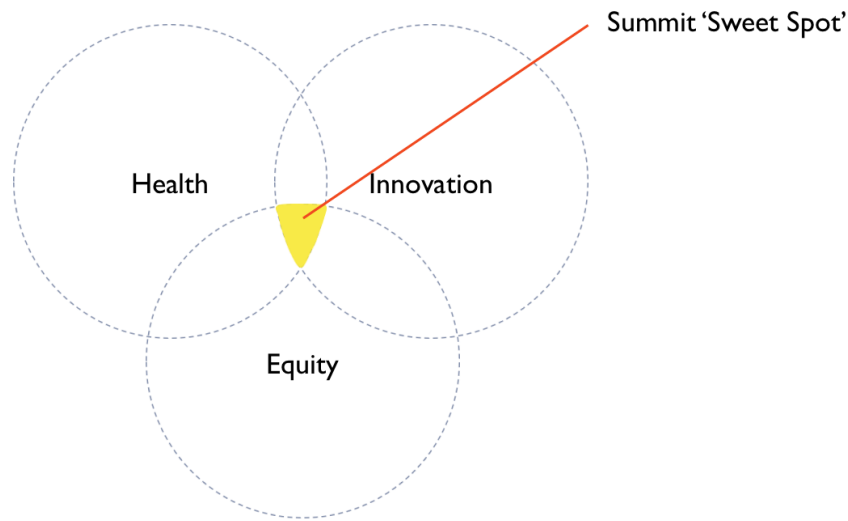
Accelerating this shift is more urgent than ever, now that humans are becoming an urban species plagued by non-communicable diseases, financial crises, social disparity, global climate change and ineffectual polarized political structures that are threatening the sustainability of the species.

The Global Health, Equity and Innovation Summit will bring together global health leaders, who will explore how best to create a pandemic of health. The program of the Summit will develop from a foundational theme, "Creating and Spreading Health: What would it take to promote full happy lives from the first to the last breath, for all?" A ground-breaking scholarly agenda will emanate through the following five sub-themes:

1. Preventing the preventable, treating the treatable, transcending the inevitable: What is the gold standard for health systems?
2. Urbanism, health, and the growth of megacities: When is more, more?
3. Politics, privilege and power: What really determines global health inequities?
4. Achieving convergence: What kind of life should future generations experience?
5. Global big data: How can Big Data accelerate Global Health Progress?

Each subtheme will focus on the ‘sweet spot’ located at the intersection of three fundamental areas: ‘health’; ‘equity’; and ‘innovation’, as shown in the diagram below.

Working at the Intersection of Health, Equity and Innovation



The Summit creates an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as post-doctoral fellows, and junior faculty to present posters relevant to one or more of the subthemes, with ideas, data or proposed projects that could illuminate the Summit ‘sweet spot’.

Ideally, the proposed posters will present research initiatives located at the intersection of these three areas. As initiatives with these characteristics are rare, ideas, data or proposed projects relevant to at least two of the areas will be considered for inclusion, provided that the authors suggest ways to expand the work to the third area.

Examples of issues to address in the posters include, among many others:

- Innovations that could help create, promote and sustain a pandemic of health
- Innovations that have promoted equity in health successfully, or examples of innovations that have failed, or even done more harm than good
- Key indicators (“salutometric” and “pathometric”) that could guide efforts to create, nurture and sustain the pandemic of health
- Innovative educational programs and curricular interventions that could promote equity in health or fuel a pandemic of health
- Innovative alliances, within and across sub-themes, that could promote health equity and a sustainable pandemic of health
- Strategies to optimize available resources and avoid duplication of efforts while in pursuit of health equity and a pandemic of health

Students will be allowed to present projects they have been developing under the supervision of or in collaboration with faculty members, researchers, or representatives of community organizations. The call is open to all academic institutions in Southern Ontario.

Why Participate?

Participating in the Summit by presenting a poster is a unique opportunity to share one’s experience and ideas with both peers and global health leaders. The Summit will offer excellent networking opportunities and could represent a career boost, a launch pad towards the development of new collaborative initiatives, and the opportunity to offer a meaningful contribution towards the solution of major global health challenges.

Submission of Poster Proposal and Selection Process

The submitted short proposals (250-300 words) will be assessed by a multidisciplinary selection committee. Applicants whose proposals are selected will be invited to submit a full version of the poster. A full set of instructions will become available online. The 3 best posters will be presented and celebrated during a special session of the Summit that will take place on November 4th. All other posters will be featured on the Summit website and throughout the Summit as e-posters.

Key Dates

Sep 26th: Deadline for submission of poster proposals.

Oct 1st: Selection process completed; invitations to prepare and submit the final posters e-mailed.

Oct 15th: Deadline for submitting final posters; Invitations to present the featured posters in person e-mailed.