

Global Health Bioethics Network Summer School 2025

Open Call

The [Global Health Bioethics Network \(GHBN\)](#) was established in 2012. It is a partnership between the Wellcome Africa & Asia Programmes (in [Kenya](#), [Malawi](#), [South Africa](#), [Thailand](#), and [Vietnam](#)), the [University of Malaya](#) and the [Ethox Centre](#) at the University of Oxford. We also have collaborative partnerships with the [University of Ghana](#), the [University of Cape Town \(Ethics Lab\)](#), [Brighton and Sussex Medical School](#), and [Fiocruz, Brazil](#). The GHBN is funded by [Wellcome](#) and aims to (i) build skills and capacities to identify and address ethical issues arising in diverse research contexts; (ii) promote and support research on practical ethical issues relating to global health research, practice, and policy, and, (iii) promote and support ethical reflection.

The GHBN Summer School

Since its inception in 2012, the GHBN has hosted an annual [Summer School](#) for participants from the partner institutions listed above. From 2024 onwards, two places at the summer school will be allocated through an open call for applications from LMIC-based bioethics researchers (see below for details).

The Summer School is essentially a small conference/workshop for the presentation of work in progress and discussion of new emerging themes in global health bioethics. One day of the summer school is allocated to 'skills training' focusing on the training needs and interests of those who will attend.

Around 50 delegates - students and researchers at different career stages from partner groups and their regional collaborators – participate in the summer school. Previous Summer Schools have focused on themes such as: pandemic ethics; justice, decolonization & solidarity; ethics & anti-microbial resistance; consent; ethics & community engagement; ethics, AI & fakes, among other topics. Training activities vary depending on need but have included: grant writing workshops, academic writing workshops, debates on current hot topics in global bioethics to develop reasoning and debating skills, and sessions on the effective uses of social media.

This year we will host the 14th Summer School in **Cape Town, South Africa from the 15-18 September, 2025** and will feature three days of talks and meetings, and one day of skills-building. The key themes for this summer school are still being developed but it is likely they will include some of the following: ethics around climate change and health; health justice and equity; ethics and mental health; and ethics and AI in health - all in the context of global health.

Two fully funded competitive places for the 2025 summer school

We are inviting applications for **two fully-funded places at the 2025 Summer School**. If you are interested in applying, please check the rules of eligibility and application instructions below.

Eligibility

- Applications are invited from early/mid-career level researchers in the field of global health bioethics
- Applicants must be from a Lower or Middle Income Country (LMIC). (List of LMICs can be viewed here: <https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/guidance/low-and-middle-income-countries>).
 - o Priority will be given to applicants based in countries that are **currently not represented** among the GHBN partners and collaborators. (Countries that are *already represented* within the GHBN are: Kenya, South Africa, Malawi, Ghana, Brazil, UK, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam)
- Applicants must be available to travel to the Summer School in South Africa in person (there is no option for online attendance).

The GHBN will fund:

- The cost of 1 round-trip flight to Cape Town, South Africa
- The cost of obtaining a visa to South Africa (if needed)
- Meals & 5 nights accommodation (arriving in Cape Town on 14th and departing on 19th September)
- The cost of your travel insurance
- Cost of airport transfers & incidentals relating to your trip

How to apply

Please fill out the application form below and attach:

- one brief letter from your current line manager/supervisor supporting your application to the Summer School
- a 2-page CV.

Applications should be no longer than 500 words. They should follow the outline in the form below and should set out: (i) a personal motivation statement (why do you wish to attend the GHBN Summer School?), (ii) an explanation of how this opportunity will build your capacity in ethics research and/or help your career, as well as how it will more broadly impact on ethics capacity and practice at your institution, (iii) an abstract of a short talk you would like to present at the Summer School, and (iv) confirm commitment to writing a blog post about your experience at the GHBN Summer School to go on our website and to be submitted no later than two weeks after the completion of the Summer School.

Review and Decision-making

Applications will be reviewed by the GHBN Project Management Group and a final decision about the successful applications will be made by 16th May 2025.

Deadlines

The deadline for full applications is **Friday 25th April 2025, 5:00pm UK time.**

Please send completed application to: dinnah.rippon@ethox.ox.ac.uk, and CC: michael.parker@ethox.ox.ac.uk

2. How will attendance at the GHBN Summer School benefit your job or your studies? (250 words) (Please also include how it might build your capacity in ethics research and/or help your career, *as well as* how it will more broadly impact on ethics capacity and practice at your institution).

3. Please paste below a brief abstract on what you would like to present at the Summer School

D. Commitment to post-Summer School blog post

I will write a blog post after the Summer School that summarises my experiences there and any lessons learned. The GHBN may (at their discretion) use this blog post on their websites. Please put an X in the box below to confirm commitment to/acceptance of this.

Agree

E. Signatures (or e-signature)

Signature of Principal Applicant

Date

Signature of Supervisor/Mentor

Date