

GLOBAL HEALTH CASE COMPETITION CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Submission Deadline: Rolling

The Global Health Case Competition is an annual event hosted by the Institute for Public Health Practice, Research and Policy (IPHPRP) in the College of Public Health (CPH). This opportunity offers an innovative student learning experience that trains future workforce leaders. The competition brings together students from multiple disciplines in a format uncommon at most universities and colleges. Through the friendly competition, students creatively address critical global health challenges in a competitive and collaborative environment that simulates global health topics, issues, and interventions by requiring a multidisciplinary approach.

For details about the case competition and past case studies visit cph.uiowa.edu/case.

Request for Proposal

IPHPRP is seeking submissions from non-U.S. based individuals and/or organizations interested in proposing a topic or issue for multidisciplinary teams to address as the official prompt in upcoming competitions. This proposal is an opportunity to solicit interdisciplinary input on an emerging issue that you and your organization would like to address in your community.

The selected proposal/topic will be presented to students in a hypothetical case study format and all teams will be asked to propose creative and multifaceted interventions tackling the problem as presented in the case study. Your organization will be involved with the case study writing process, as well as selecting the winning intervention. IPHPRP may be able to invite one member of your organization to visit the U.S. during the competition in April of the competition year to sit on our panel of expert judges (depending on available funding).

Once a winning team intervention is selected, your organization will have the option to work with the winning case study team to implement some or all of their proposed ideas, provided necessary resources are available.

What is Needed

An ideal case competition topic is health or health-adjacent. Topics related to health disparities and health inequities are particularly popular.

Examples of possible subject areas include maternal and child health, women's reproductive health, injury and violence prevention, climate change and environmental issues, health policy, health care access, chronic and infectious disease, mental health, stigma related to diagnosis and care, sanitation, barriers to health, health education, and many more.

Note: Due to the amount of time needed to write, plan, and organize each competition, we ask organizations to submit proposal topics at least one year in advance of the competition in which their topic will be addressed. Proposed topics should not be in areas needing urgent intervention.

History of the Case Competition

All case topics prior to 2024 have been hypothetical and not based on organizational proposals, but have been based on real-world needs and ongoing global crises. 2024 was the first time IPHRP solicited input from health and health-adjacent individuals and organizations on case study topics with the hope that competing teams will have an opportunity to be implement their proposed interventions.

Previous competition topics are:

- Spring 2024: Sustainable Communities and Nutrition Concerns in Homa Bay, Kenya
- Spring 2023: Food Insecurity and Access Disparities in South Korea
- Fall 2021: Institutional Racism as a Barrier to Health in Poland
- Fall 2020: Chronic Disease Amongst Migrants in Chiapas, Mexico
- Fall 2019: The Global Plastic Crisis
- Spring 2019: Mental Health and Wellness in Nigeria
- Spring 2018: Puerto Rico's Power Crisis

Full details of past case studies can be found at <https://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/iiphrp-case-competition-teams/>. We recommend reading through at least 1 of the past case studies to better familiarize yourself with the formatting of each case study and the details that are typically needed to launch a successful competition.

Submission

Proposals should include the information and be no more than 1-2 pages in length.

- Proposed case study title
- Location or setting for case study
- Summary of issue proposed (1-2 paragraphs)
- Importance of addressing this issue in cultural context (1 paragraph)
- Summary of complicating factors (1 paragraph, can be list format)
- Your ask - items that you would like competing teams to include in their final intervention presentations (1 paragraph, can be list format)



I have learned to approach global health issues in a practical, sensitive, and compassionate manner - all thanks to the experiences gained from the case competition.” - Redwan Bin Abdul Baten, PhD Student

Submissions should be sent via to cph-global@uiowa.edu. For questions, please contact Sophie Switzer and Ericka Klingner at sophie-switzer@uiowa.edu and ericka-klingner@uiowa.edu.