

Dear Global Health Professionals,

This is the first edition of the *Global Health: Annual Review*, a student-led review showcasing the research projects and student experiences working in leading global health organizations. The purpose of this review is to share the knowledge and experience of past global health students with prospective students, and to provide an impactful and positive contribution to the field of global health.

As editors and creators of the first edition of the *Global Health: Annual Review*, we would like to extend our gratitude first to the students whose collective contributions were key in the production of this publication. Second, we would like to thank you, the reader, for your interest in our publication. Our vision is to present to you the immense diversity that exists amongst the students of the Global Health Master of Science (MSc) Program at McMaster University, as well as within the field itself. Global health encompasses a vast array of study, research and practice that places priority on improving health and achieving health equity worldwide. The field is so large that there is not a single acceptable definition for 'Global Health'. This diversity will become apparent as you browse through our submissions, where you will be introduced to new knowledge, new understandings and new perspectives in global health.

The journal encourages submissions of innovative research in the diverse subcategories of global health research, including health policy evaluation, maternal and child health, and infectious diseases. The journal exists as a compilation of student work, research, and experiences working in organizations around the globe, and aims to present to you a review of our students' interests and work accomplished over this past year (2014-2015).

The MSc in Global Health program exists in collaboration with three universities from around the world, including McMaster University (Hamilton, Canada), Maastricht University (Maastricht, Netherlands) and Manipal University (Manipal, India). In this program, students have acquired the foundational knowledge to succeed as international leaders and health advocates, while also gaining invaluable experience in the diverse settings of global health. Collectively, we have worked in every continent of the world and have gained unique insights of what health looks like in these varying contexts. This journal offers you a glimpse of the nuances that make up global health, while introducing you to quality research conducted by the 2014-2015 Global Health MSc cohort at McMaster University.

It is our hope that this annual review offers you new insights into the field of global health, while inspiring collective action and solidarity in achieving global health equity.

Sincerely,

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