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# SNF Global Center Research Fellowships

Program Overview – Informational Webinar for Institutions

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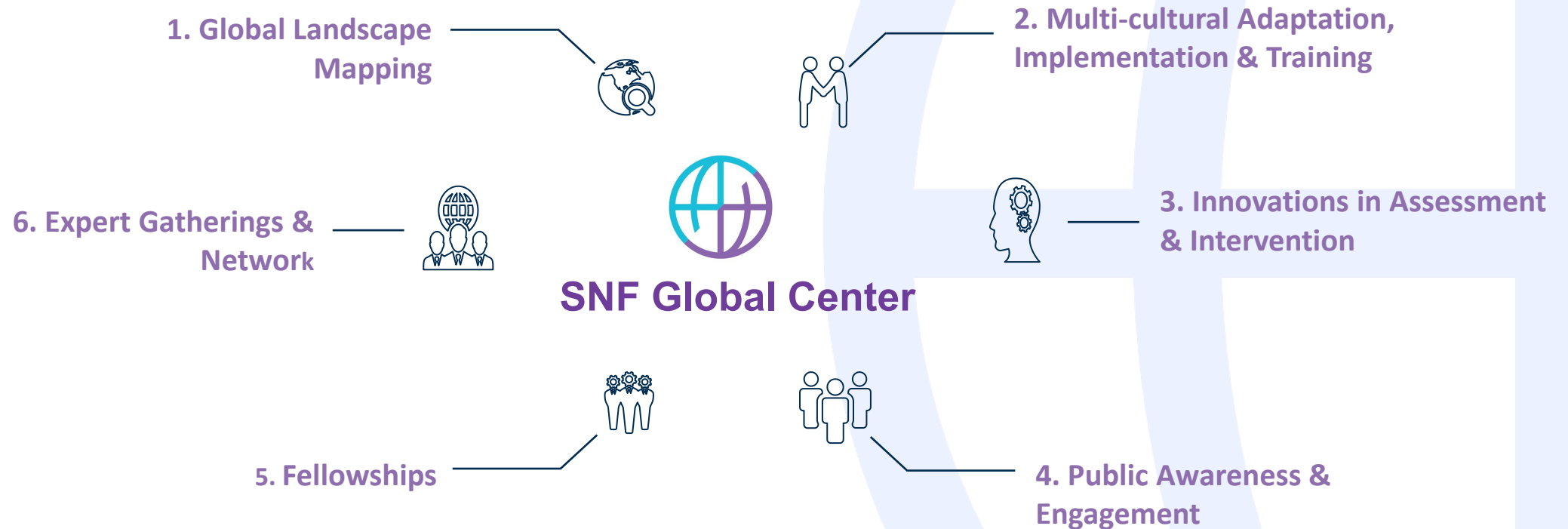
# Agenda

- The SNF Global Center and Fellowships
- SNF Global Center Research Fellowships
  - Research
  - Eligibility
  - Application/Selection
- Questions and Answers



# The SNF Global Center

Working to **accelerate global collaboration** on under-researched areas of children's mental health and expand worldwide access to culturally appropriate trainings, resources, and treatment



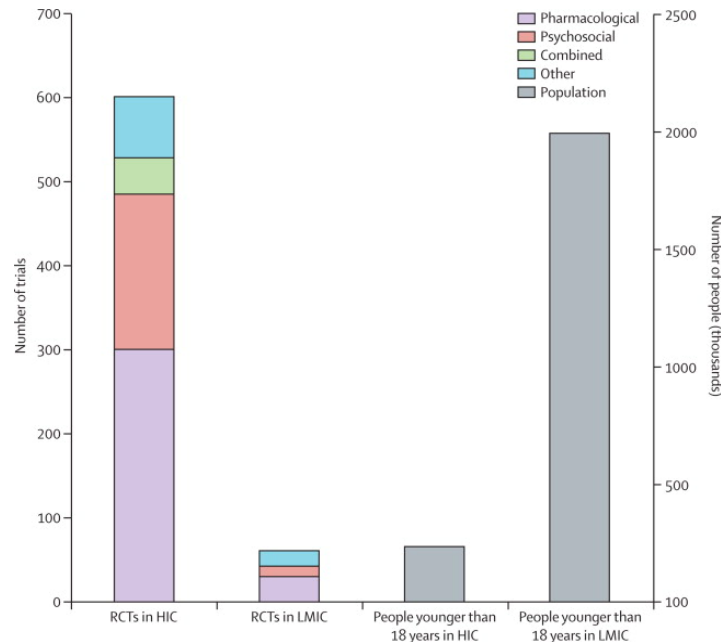
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## The Need

- The gap between child and adolescent mental health (CAMH) needs and available care is substantial in low and middle-income countries (LMICs).
- At the same time, the number of LMIC-based programs providing accredited training for clinicians to specialize in CAMH remains limited.
- Similarly, CAMH science is largely based on research from high-income countries, with a significant imbalance in resources that disadvantages LMIC-based researchers.
- Stigma and discrimination remain widespread globally, with a need to improve mental health literacy in the general population, as well as among policymakers.



# SNF Global Center Fellowships

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Innovative leadership programs to increase workforce capacity  
for understanding and treating  
Child and Adolescent Mental Health disorders in LMIC

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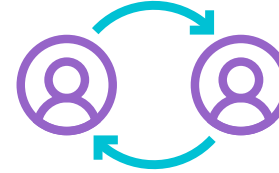
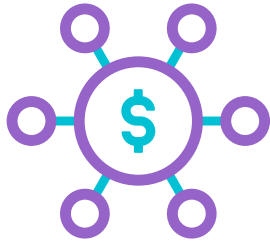
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**Clinicians**

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**Communicators**

# SNF Global Center Research Fellowship Vision

- Cultivating the Next Generation of Global Leaders in CAMH Research
- Elevating Scientific Excellence and Advancing Equity in LMICs
- Driving Transformative Innovation for Lasting Impact in CAMH

# Program Offer and Structure



- **Funds:** Up to **USD \$550,000** for **2 Fellows** from global institutions every year
- **Honorable Mention** – one non-selected finalist may be considered for an honorable mention grant of up to USD \$50,000 for a planning grant, related to the project in the initial application
- **Duration, Work, Location: 4-5 years**, as **principal investigators**, mainly based at **host institution**
  - Optional: up to 24 months of mentored research training at host or other national/international institutions nationally before transitioning towards research independence
- **Career Development & Other Support:**
  - **Training** relevant to research methodology, capacity building, and leadership skills tailored to Fellows' needs through synchronous and asynchronous virtual and in person methods.
  - Connecting with international experts, fellows, and peers for **networking**, receiving **mentorship**, and **collaboration** through **monthly online meetings** and **annual in person retreats**.

# Research

The following are areas of high interest for this fellowship:

1. Conducting **basic, translational**, and/or **clinical investigations** with potential to transform understanding of the **underlying mechanisms of mental illness**.
2. Developing **innovative treatments** and **prevention strategies**.
3. Increasing **access to care** and **equity** in mental health.
4. Enabling **early identification/prevention** or enhancing **intervention**, especially among **disadvantaged and vulnerable** populations.
5. Addressing **priority needs in the applicant's regional context** with valuable and **sustainable approaches** through an **implementation science and capacity building** lens.



# Eligibility Criteria for Candidates

## Individual

1. Early career researcher <10 years from doctoral degree
2. Record of innovative, impactful research in relevant areas
3. Demonstrated ability to communicate and publish in English
4. Based at an eligible LMIC institution



## Project

1. Focused on areas relevant to CAMH
2. Relevant to the regional research needs, or that generally of LMIC, pilot data not required
3. Strong research plan to be completed during fellowship
4. Compliant with relevant ethical and legal standards

# Institutional Eligibility and Commitments

1. **Based in an LMIC** as per OECD and World Bank.
2. Is **not prohibited or embargoed** by the United States as per EAR, ITAR, and/or OFAC.
3. Academic or non-academic, **ongoing and well-established record of research relevant** to CAMH.
4. Can identify and endorse **one or two (1-2) candidates** through an internal fair and competitive process.
5. **Able & committed to employ Fellow** and provide appropriate research environment through the duration of the program using the funds awarded.
6. Has access to in-house or outsourced **Institutional Review Board(s) or Research Ethics Committee(s)**, preferably internationally accredited.
7. Has well-established **administrative infrastructure**, including finance and sponsored programs accounting departments to efficiently, safely, transparently, and reliably manage fellowship funds.
8. For candidates seeking initial mentored research training - **one (1) senior investigator as the research mentor**.
9. Can maintain fluent oral and written communication in **English language** with the SNF Global Center.

# Fellow Commitments

## Dedication

- ≥50% full-time equivalent
- Mainly based at local institution
- Research & capacity building in LMIC

## Career Development

- Participate in Fellowship career development activities
  - Contribute to Fellowship network

## Stewardship of Funds

- Complements local salary
- Covers research and career development
- Allows 10% for institutional direct costs (no indirects)
  - Funder (SNF) must be acknowledged

## Open Science

- Preregistration of protocols
- Sharing of data and tools
- Open access publishing
- Dissemination and education

# Application Documents

*From the candidate:*

- **Biosketch** [template provided, max. 5 pages]
- **Motivation Letter/Statement of Grant Purpose** [max. 750 words]
- **Research Project Plan** [template provided, max. 6 pages]
- **Proof of English Competency** [certificate, scientific publication or communication]
- **Video** [up to 10 minutes]
  - Upload link to Youtube or Vimeo or other videosharing platforms
  - Videos may be password protected

*From a representative of the host institution:*

- **Institutional Nomination and Information Letter** [max. 750 words]
- **Budget** [template provided]

*From referees:*

- **Letters of Support (3)** [max. 750 words]

*[From the proposed mentor, for candidates seeking initial mentored research training:]*

- **Training Plan**

# Selection

## Candidate Qualifications

- Strong academic & research background
- Clear motivation & long-term vision
- Strong referee endorsements

## Project Merit

- High relevance & innovation
- Feasible with clear methodology
- Sustainable impact potential

## Host Institution

- Strong institutional support
- Robust mentorship & training
- Resource availability

# Application and Selection Timeline

## Cohort 2

- **April 1, 2025** (Tuesday) – Online application portal opens
- **April 24, 2025** (Thursday) – Candidate Webinar
- **June 2, 2025** (Monday) – Deadline to register institutional eligibility and nominate candidates
- **June 16, 2025** (Monday) – Deadline for full application submissions
- **June-July 2025** – Applications reviewed by international expert panel
- **August 2025** – Interviews of shortlisted candidates
- **September 2025** – Fellows selected
- **October 10, 2025** (Friday) – Awarded Fellows announced
- **Q4 2025** – Onboarding of fellows and institutions



# Candidate Webinar

Join us for an upcoming webinar for candidates

- Thursday April 24, 2025
- 9AM Eastern Time
- Pre-registration link:

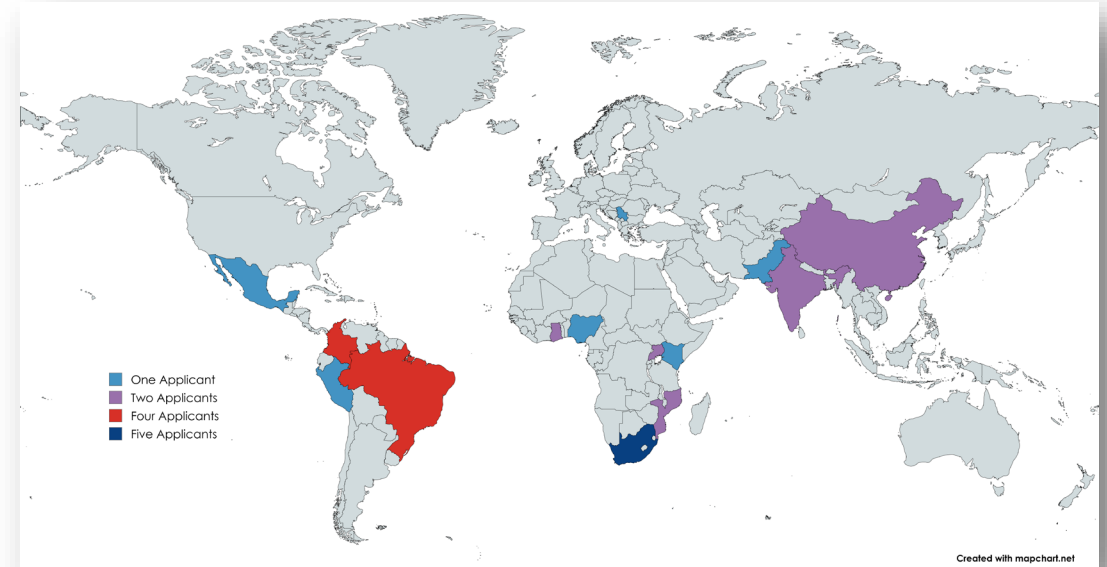
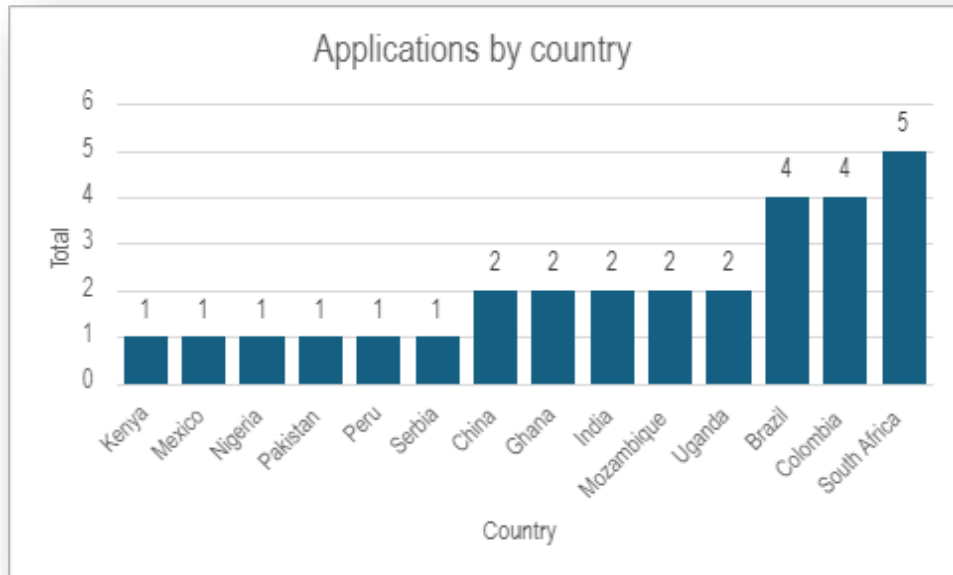
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# Global Institutional Outreach and Interest

## 2024 Competition

- Conducted outreach to 400+ potential host organizations for the Research Fellowship
- This resulted in 80 nominees, 29 completed applications and 7 Finalists
- We selected the first cohort of two fellows and named an honorable mention





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## 2024 Fellow Profile: Dr. Syed Usman Hamdani



### Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University Global Institute of Human Development

- School counselor trainings using low-cost technology
- Implementing WHO's Early Adolescent Skills for Emotions (EASE) program
- Randomized trial in eight schools in Pakistan
- Islamabad, Pakistan



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### 2024 Fellow Profile: Christine Musyimi, PhD



#### Africa Institute of Mental and Brain Health (AFRIMEB)

- Reducing self-stigma among homeless adolescents in Kenya
- Exploring lived experiences of homelessness and mental illness
- Adapting the Honest, Open, Proud intervention(HOPE) for vulnerable youth
- Nairobi, Kenya



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## 2024 Honorable Mention: Florencia Assaneo, PhD

### Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

- Planning Grant awarded
- Video Game intervention
- Auditory-motor synchronization
- Mexico City, Mexico

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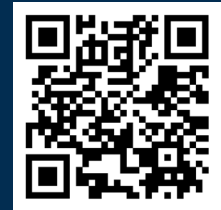
## Questions and Answers

Learn more about our Fellowships



[childmind.org/global/snf-global-center/fellowships](https://childmind.org/global/snf-global-center/fellowships)

Submit an institutional interest form



<https://redcap.childmind.org/surveys/?s=M8HFXP3XHFNKXPLR>

For more information contact: [peter.raucci@childmind.org](mailto:peter.raucci@childmind.org)



# Some Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. How much is the Fellowship budget, actually?

- Up to an equivalent of USD 550,000, distributed across 4-5 years. Exact amount to be allocated will be based on proposed budget and its justification and might be reduced based on cross-country factors such as exchange rates and purchasing power parity (as per the World Bank).

## 2. Can candidates who are not affiliated to an institution apply?

- No, all must be affiliated to an institution nominating them, and hosting their Fellowship should they be selected.

## 3. For an institution, what does it mean to nominate and host a Fellow?

- Eligible institutions are asked to endorse one or two eligible candidates for the global Fellowship competition award based on internal fair selection; these candidates need to be currently affiliated to the institution. Only one candidate per institution can be awarded. If an institution's candidate wins the award, the institution will be asked to employ the Fellow with the funds provided, and to provide protected time and an appropriate research environment and administrative support for the Fellow's activities.

## 4. Can Fellows change institutions during Fellowship?

- They can, if justified and feasible. The Fellowship is awarded and attached to the Fellow, so institutional transfers are possible.

## 5. What are allowable institutional direct costs?

- Costs that are itemized and strictly necessary to provide administrative support to the Fellow. They might include compensation for dedicated time from administrative personnel, bank fees related to Fellowship funds, utility bills for Fellows' lab, etc.