

Leadership in Action Opportunity with City Cancer Challenge



About City Cancer Challenge

[City Cancer Challenge Foundation](#) (C/Can) is a global non-profit organization, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, that supports cities in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) to improve access to quality cancer care.

Launched by the Union for International Cancer Control in 2017, and established as a standalone Foundation in 2019, C/Can is now operational in nine cities across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America, and is preparing to take on a new cohort of cities throughout 2022 and 2023.

Leadership-in-Action Opportunity for a Laidlaw Scholar

Project Background

In a recently published [paper in the Journal of Global Oncology](#), C/Can's innovative model of engagement to support cities in LMICs to identify, design, and implement sustainable cancer care solutions is outlined in detail.

As an organisation, C/Can aims to continuously strengthen and improve its approach, based on evidence and lessons generated in the cities. Our model for supporting cities is also described as an adaptive and iterative process, whereby learnings from C/Can's growing network of cities, partners, and stakeholders are captured and used to continually refine and test the model.

Over the last four years, C/Can has also looked outside of the cancer and non-communicable disease (NCD) community to learn about key barriers and enablers for sustainable health programmes in LMICs. In particular, C/Can has looked to the HIV community and to organisations with a track record of programme development and implementation in this space, such as Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Global Fund. The HIV community has been leading in the international public health sphere, particularly in LMICs, in terms of addressing the disease challenges, but also in developing effective operational models and sustainable programming including patient engagement and advocacy strategies, as well as partnership and resource mobilisation approaches.

Project Details

In 2022, C/Can plans to build on these early conversations and run an "exploratory project" as set out below:

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Objectives

- 1) Collect evidence and insights from HIV focused organisations on critical topics for C/Can including programmatic opportunities, risks, challenges, and the sustainability of projects.
- 2) Explore intersections between cancer and HIV policy and programme efforts in LMIC cities where C/Can has a presence, and/or opportunities for collaboration.
- 3) Map potential for global and local partnership opportunities.

Activities

- Stakeholder mapping
- Key informant interviews
- Desk research
- Attend relevant webinar discussions / forums / dialogues etc.

Outputs

- Overview of stakeholders, profiles, and potential partnerships
- Summaries of interviews
- Report on findings
- Presentation to C/Can leadership team
- Project-related article for dissemination via C/Can communication channels

Impact and Rewards

How will the Scholar benefit from this experience?

The project provides an opportunity to work with a growing global foundation that is currently operational across nine cities in LMICs on four continents. This includes gaining professional experience; international exposure; and an understanding of a fast-paced, cross-cultural, and multi-stakeholder professional environment.

Moreover, the scholar will be able to gain a first-hand understanding of the global cancer care space as well as the broader health and development context both at the policy level and in LMICs.

In practical terms the scholar will benefit from guidance and support from C/Can's Policy and Impact team, as well as close interaction with other teams as required for the project.

Why we would like Laidlaw scholars to work with us

As part of our approach, we support building capacity and fostering collaboration, innovation, and leadership skills to improve access to quality cancer care. As such, engaging promising students through the Laidlaw programme can contribute to C/Can's vision and mission with a defined product, benefiting scholars in terms of developing further knowledge and skills while providing practical value for the organization and its stakeholders.

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Additional Information

Project delivery: hybrid (combination of remote and in-person). The project can be done remotely, with some time spent at C/Can's global headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, pending covid restrictions.

Number of placements: 1 spot available for St Andrews Laidlaw Scholars

Proposed start/end date: June/July 2022 - would be open to discuss based on scholar availability and availability of C/Can staff

How to Apply

Please send a CV and cover letter to Rebecca Morton, Director – Policy and Global Impact, at morton-doherty@citycancerchallenge.org. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for a follow-up interview.

Application deadline: 3 January 2022