
The O’Brien Institute for Public Health at the University of Calgary supports excellence in population health and health services research, realizing the benefits of such research by informing community, policy and health-practice stakeholders.

As an Institute, we share a vision of “better health and health care,” reflecting our two priority research areas of improved population health and enhanced health systems performance.

The institute’s success in brokering broader external relationships, with provincial and national interest groups, policy makers, research agencies, the media, philanthropists, and community stakeholders, further extends the reach and impact of our members’ significant research outputs.
Tackling health inequity, removing barriers to care and improving the lives of populations worldwide is a responsibility we all share, and the Global Health Research Group at the O’Brien Institute for Public Health is committed to achieving these goals.

The Global Health Research Group exists to profile and support the work of its members, share strategies for excellence in research partnerships, create linkages, strengthen networks, and mentor emerging young researchers.

This is accomplished, in part, through our close association with the Office of Global Health and International Partnerships at the University of Calgary, and the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research. Resources from these groups are shared through communications and seminar presentations. Members of GHRG also bring expertise in global health research governance, ethics, governance, ethics and practice.

Research in the paradigm of global health covers a vast array of topics, from infectious diseases, to strengthening health, human resources and health systems, to broad determinants identified in the Sustainable Development Goals outlined by the United Nations as part of a wider strategy to eradicate poverty, hunger, illiteracy and disease.

A particular focus for our members and graduate students has been maternal and child health, and the strengthening of health systems in Sub-Saharan Africa. In Tanzania, the theme of One Health has been central to work conducted in partnership between medicine and veterinary disciplines. We work together to better understand the relationship of animal, human and environmental health in rural populations. A third area of focus has been in evaluating capacity building public health programs in Tanzania.

To learn more about the Global Health Research Group, visit ucalgary.ca/ghealth

Global health research supports the study of health issues primarily related to low and middle-income countries of the world and, more broadly, the health, health-system, health inequities, and health-policy challenges facing populations living in conditions of vulnerability.

Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research CGHR 2018