Forming new leaders in global health: 
a scholarship programme for PhD students

Through a generous donation from the Erling Persson’s Foundation (EP) to the Unit of Epidemiology and Global Health (EpiGH), Umeå University, we hereby announce a call for scholarship applications in global health research for PhD students from low- and middle-income countries. Together with collaborating organisations and universities, we will provide support to allow successful applicants to become future leaders in global health. The donation from the EP Foundation gives us the opportunity to announce four positions within The Global Health Scholarship Programme for Future Leaders in Global Health. The scholarships are being offered in 2018 and beyond.

To be eligible to receive the scholarship, you should fulfil the following criteria:

1. You must fulfil the standard, formal requirements for PhD studies in Sweden.
2. You must have a position at a university, organisation or company in a low- or middle-income country, and your planned PhD studies need to be integrated with your work. Your employer must therefore be committed to support your PhD studies.
3. You have preferably earlier been engaged in Master's studies in Public Health in Umeå and/or are linked to an institution engaged in collaborative work with EpiGH.

The scholarship covers three to four months of stay in Umeå annually over a period of four years. The allowance for each student is 16000 SEK per month while based in Umeå. The scholarship also covers travel from the student’s home country and back to a maximum of 24 000 SEK per year. The scholarship does not cover field costs or equipment.

Applications should include:

1. A formal letter, signed by you, where you announce that you are applying for the scholarship. In this letter, describe your position at your university, organisation or company and how you intend to link your position, and your PhD research to society.
2. Give a summary of your intended research plan (maximum four pages including Background; Problem Statement; Methods; Expected output and References). This should address a public health problem of importance in your home country.
3. Your CV.
4. The CV of a suggested supervisor from your home institution, organisation or company.
5. A letter of commitment from your employer in which your employer states that field costs will be covered from home and that he/she supports your application by making it possible for you to stay in Umea.

Send the application to ulrika.harju@umu.se no later than August 25, 2018. Please state “EP-application” in the e-mail subject line.