

Dear CFMS Members,

My name is Rita Jin (She/Her/Hers), a MS2 and current VP External at UBC. I am running to be your next Director of Global Health!

Global Health (GH) is a large, complex, and often intimidating concept, encompassing elements of GH education, advocacy, international exchanges, and more. With consultation with the current CFMS Director of Global Health, GH Liaisons (GHL), GH Local Officers (LO), and student leaders from medical societies, I've designed my campaign platform with key strategies to **centralize resources, support leaders, and increase student involvement on local and national levels.**

1) Centralize Resources and Support Local Initiatives

Although many medical students have incredibly valuable skills to support the numerous GH initiatives, the barrier to entry is high. There is also great variance in GHL responsibilities and the availability of LO positions across universities. To address this issue, I plan to:

A) Cultivate an Ongoing Resource Center for GH Leaders

With contributions from GHLs and LOs, outline 1) established roles and responsibilities, 2) outreach templates, 3) past venues and sponsors, and 4) important points of contact for recurring initiatives. While some of these resources may be school-specific, by compiling the information, student leaders from different schools can draw inspiration from each other and strengthen overall programming.

B) Develop a Best Practices GHL Toolkit and Distribute to All Medical Schools by September 2026.

The toolkit may include detailed tasks and timelines, roundtable expectations, successful past programs, future project ideas, position paper guides, advocacy/outreach tips, and more. This can support role continuity and knowledge sharing, especially for schools where there is less of an established structure for their GH Portfolio and/or had vacant GHL roles in the preceding year.

2) National Advocacy and Global Health Hub Expansion

A significant component of GH is applying evidence-based advocacy to improve health equity and education. To strengthen GH advocacy, I plan to:

A) Establish 2 Sustainable National Advocacy Initiatives

CFMS GH Portfolio has started many powerful initiatives in the past, such as the IFHP NavAID Challenge, Project Green Healthcare, and Practicing Global Health Speaker Series. My priority areas include, but are not limited to, 1) Newcomer & Refugee Health, 2) Rural Health & Food Insecurity, and 3) Addictions Care.

B) CFMS Global Health Hub Development and Expansion

The Global Health Hub was introduced this past year to help summarize upcoming GH opportunities. This resource has received extremely positive feedback from students this past year. I plan to continue the work to strengthen this initiative by updating the Hub biweekly to ensure students can stay up-to-date easily and by expanding upon the information provided, specifically the local and global health opportunity sections. By doing so, the opportunities are centralized, more visible, and students can better learn about ways to get involved in GH programs, whether it be local or national initiatives.

All in all, I'm passionate about supporting student leaders and strengthening collaboration across institutions to increase access to global health opportunities and to drive down the barriers to meaningful change.

Thank you for your consideration!

Best Wishes,
Rita Jin