

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): Injaz Fellowship for Disease Elimination

What is the Injaz Fellowship for Disease Elimination?

The Injaz Fellowship for Disease Elimination (Injaz Fellowship), offered by the Global Institute for Disease Elimination (GLIDE), is the first global program designed to spearhead global efforts in eliminating and eradicating infectious diseases. The goal of the Injaz Fellowship is to equip a new generation of public health professionals with the expertise and leadership skills necessary to lead disease elimination efforts both globally and locally, thereby contributing to the global elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), Malaria, and Polio, and enhancing health equity and sustainable development.

What does Injaz mean?

“Injaz” is derived from Arabic and signifies achievement and accomplishment.

Is the Injaz Fellowship a degree program?

No, it is a certificate program.

Who should apply for the Injaz Fellowship?

The fellowship is ideal for mid-level professionals in public health, epidemiology, data science, health economics, advocacy or related disciplines who are dedicated to global health and interested in contributing to disease elimination efforts.

How many fellows will be selected for the program?

For the inaugural 2024-2025 cycle, GLIDE plans to select four individuals who demonstrate exceptional potential to contribute to disease elimination efforts locally and globally.

What does the fellowship program include?

The program encompasses:

- An opening retreat and foundational training in Abu Dhabi. [7 days]
- Disease Elimination Research Workshop and Global Health Policy Week in Geneva. [7 days]
- Field immersion and study tours to observe disease elimination efforts firsthand.
- Participation in a global or regional conference related to health and disease elimination.
- A final forum for the synthesis of knowledge and sharing of research findings.

Is international travel a mandatory component of the fellowship program for participants?

This fellowship requires participants to commit to a compulsory international travel period of approximately 35 days throughout the year.

In addition to traveling, what percentage of their monthly time are participants expected to commit throughout the fellowship?

Participants are required to dedicate up to 15% of their monthly time throughout the duration of the fellowship.

When does the application period open and close?

The application period for the Injaz Fellowship opens on April 1, 2024, and closes on May 10, 2024.

What are the eligibility criteria for the fellowship?

Applicants should have a relevant degree or higher, at least 5 years of professional experience with a master's degree or PhD degree; or 7 years professional experience with a bachelor's degree, a strong commitment to global health and disease elimination, and familiarity with the targeted diseases of the fellowship.

What documents are required for application?

Required documents include a comprehensive CV, a personal statement on your motivation to apply for the fellowship, two letters of recommendation, letter of permission from direct supervisor or head of organization, a preliminary project proposal focused on disease elimination challenges, and a completed application form.

What should my project proposal include for the Injaz Fellowship application?

Your project proposal is an essential part of your application, illustrating the initiative or project you aim to carry out to contribute to disease elimination. You may consider from the following examples:

- **Research Proposal:** Address a problem which can advance elimination of diseases, including Neglected Tropical Diseases, Malaria and Polio.
- **Policy Analysis:** Examine existing health policies and suggest modifications to enhance disease prevention and control.
- **Advocacy Initiative for Disease Elimination:** Launch a campaign to influence public opinion and policy on specific disease prevention measures, focusing on raising awareness and driving change at the community or national level.

Your proposal should detail the problem you are addressing, your proposed solution, the expected impact, and how it aligns with the mission of the Injaz Fellowship for Disease Elimination.

Is there any funding available for projects, initiatives, or research?

Yes, fellows participating in the Injaz Fellowship for Disease Elimination may receive funding to support their projects, initiatives, or research. However, the amount of funding provided is limited and subject to availability. We encourage fellows to carefully plan their proposals and budgetary requirements to effectively utilize the resources available through the fellowship.

Who should write my reference letters?

The Fellowship program requires two letters of recommendation. References should comment on your professional abilities, current work, interests in disease elimination, and leadership qualities within your

field or larger community. One of these letters must come from your current employer, highlighting your contributions and potential for growth in disease elimination efforts.

What is the selection process for the fellowship?

The selection process involves an initial review of applications to shortlist candidates based on their academic qualifications, professional experience, and commitment to global health, followed by interviews with a selection committee.

What are the expected outcomes for fellows?

Fellows are expected to enhance their expertise in disease elimination, contribute to scientific publications, present research and policy advocacy findings at relevant conferences, form a professional network for collaborative efforts, and be prepared to assume leadership roles in global health and disease elimination programs.

What are the Fellow's obligations?

Fellows are required to attend all fellowship learning events and participate in online learning. Designed to complement full-time work, the fellowship necessitates working professionals to actively engage in all program components while maintaining their employment.

What will be awarded after completing the fellowship?

Upon successful completion of the fellowship, fellows will be awarded a Certificate of Completion. This certificate recognizes their participation, achievements, and contributions to the field of disease elimination through the comprehensive training and activities undertaken during the fellowship program.

Can I update my application after submission?

Once submitted, updates to an application are NOT possible. You may work on your application online and save drafts until you are ready to submit. Please only submit your application when it is complete.

If I am accepted, can I defer it until next year?

No, deferrals will not be accepted.

Is there post-program support for fellows?

Yes, fellows become part of the GLIDE Alumni Network, which provides a platform for ongoing collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and exchange of best practices among professionals committed to disease elimination, supporting the fellows' continued impact and development beyond the program. For additional questions or more information, please visit the GLIDE website or contact us at fellowship@glideae.org.