

Call for Applications

DASH Master's Scholarship in Adolescent Health 2025/2026

University of Ghana School of Public Health

Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals for master's training in Adolescent and Young Adults' Health at the School of Public Health, University of Ghana.

Deadline: 13 February 2026

Background

The University of Ghana in collaboration with seven other universities and research institutions in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), including Burkina Faso (National Institute of Public Health), Ethiopia (Addis Continental Institute of Public Health), Nigeria (University of Ibadan), South Africa (University of KwaZulu-Natal), Tanzania (Africa Academy for Public Health & University of Dodoma), Uganda (Makerere University); and two German institutions (Heidelberg University and Technical University of Munich) is implementing a multi-country adolescent health intervention study titled "Research network for Design and evaluation of Adolescent Health Interventions and Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa (DASH). The overarching and long-term goal of DASH is to promote and improve adolescent health in sub-Saharan Africa through population-based intervention and policy research. The project focuses on three domains of adolescent and young adults' health, namely (a) sexual and reproductive health, (b) nutrition and physical activity, and (c) mental health and violence. The DASH partnership forms part of the Research Networks for Health Innovations in Sub-Saharan Africa (RHISA), funded by the German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space.

In Ghana, the study is being implemented in partnership with the Dodowa Health Research Centre of the Ghana Health Service. DASH seeks to build the capacity of young and emerging scientists through postgraduate training. We are inviting applications from suitably qualified Ghanaians to be considered for full-time master's (12 months) fellowships with a focus on adolescent health at the School of Public Health, University of Ghana. Two (2) positions are available.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be a Ghanaian.
- Applicants should normally be under 35 years old (at the time of application).
- Must hold a good first degree in relevant fields with at least two (2) years of work experience in a health-related field.
- Should have passed the School of Public Health Entrance Examination and enrolled in the Master of Public Health at the University of Ghana.
- Must be a Full-time Regular Student (**Weekend MPH Students are not eligible**).
- Applicant should be able to conduct statistical analysis of data independently.
- Willingness to work in a multidisciplinary team.
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively, including undertaking fieldwork in challenging settings.

- Females are strongly encouraged to apply.

Scholarship package

The fellowship is tenable at the University of Ghana, School of Public Health, and it covers:

- Full tuition fees.
- Cost of research towards their dissertation.
- Cost of on-campus accommodation.

How to Apply:

Step 1 (*DASH Scholarship Application*)

1. Complete the DASH Scholarship Application form online using the link below:
<https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/3ZcX0gzm>
2. Upload the following documents (PDF format) onto the page:
 - a) A cover letter (1 page).
 - b) Full curriculum Vitae (CV) highlighting statistical analysis skills and research experience (if any).
 - c) Personal statement (maximum 400 words), indicating your suitability for a scholarship. Outline your previous research or work experience in young people's health (if ever), and your willingness to pursue a career in adolescent health, and the specific domain.
 - d) One letter of recommendation, attesting to your suitability for an award.

Step 2 (*Interview for only shortlisted applicants*)

1. Only candidates who are shortlisted will be invited for an interview.
2. Successful candidates will be notified by **20 February 2026**

Results

Successful applicants will receive an award letter from the University of Ghana and will have seven (7) calendar days to confirm acceptance or otherwise. After this date, it will be assumed that the student is unable to accept the scholarship, and the position will be offered to the next available qualified applicant. The University of Ghana reserves the right to refuse or terminate the scholarship if any information provided in support of the application is found to be false.

Enquiries

For more information about the DASH scholarship, please contact: dash-ghana@ug.edu.gh.