M8 Alliance Summer School for Global Health

Time and location: 9-13 September, 2019, University of Coimbra, Portugal

Background:
Global health is an evolving domain, unifying concepts and interventions related to health and disease in a globalized world. Most challenges of health and disease do not respect national borders – they are relevant both globally and locally. New infections and antimicrobial resistance, the rise of chronic diseases worldwide, changes in society (urbanisation, armed conflict, migration), and climate change have a massive impact on the health and wellbeing of people worldwide. While biomedical research is making great progress, about half of the world’s population lacks access to fundamental health services. At the same time, technological advances open up new avenues to address these challenges.

The M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers, Universities, and National Academies is a unique network of 25 leading international academic health centers, universities and research institutions, all of which are committed to improving global health and working with political and economic decision-makers to develop science-based solutions to health challenges worldwide.

The M8 Alliance Summer School is a new format that aims to bring together talented students from different disciplines to work jointly on selected global health topics. After a brief introduction to basic concepts in global health on the first day, we will zoom in on selected topics, examining them from different perspectives in the morning and applying what we have learned in more practical afternoon sessions.

This is a 5-days intensive and practical course that will provide you with:

- An interdisciplinary approach to global health issues (including medical, natural sciences, social sciences, and technical angles)
- In-depth insights into global challenges related to health and disease
- Critical thinking on cross-cutting topics of global health
- Skills to approach problems and solutions from different perspectives
- Networking with peers from different countries and different disciplines

Organisers: Coimbra Health – University of Coimbra and Coimbra University Hospitals

Target group: 20-30 masters-level students, who wish to pursue a PhD in global health; PhD students planning to go on to global health postdoc positions. Health professionals; Health executives, etc;
Registration and tuition:

M8 Alliance partners: there are no tuition fees. Participants are responsible for their own travel costs. Coimbra Health will organize accommodation at no cost to participants.

Non-M8 Alliance partners: tuition fees to be announced soon. Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

Language: English

Main Topics:

Planetary health
Women’s health
Migration and health
Technology and entrepreneurship in global health
Global health governance