

Applicant Bio

Jun Kim is a medical student at the University of Manitoba and is currently finishing his term as the Associate Global Health with the CFMS. In his first two years of medical school he has been heavily involved with the CFMS in multiple capacities. He has assisted the education portfolio with editing podcasts for the CFMS Research in Medicine podcast. He was also the National Officer of Global Health Education where he initiated a Canada-wide survey on global health curricula to evaluate the quality and attitudes of global health topics among medical students. As Associate Global Health, Jun has acted as the Interim Director of Global Health for 5 months, managing the Global Health portfolio and leadership team. In addition to his work at the CFMS, Jun has been heavily involved with the world of public speaking and competitive debate, being the Canadian National Debate Champion in 2022 and is currently working as a public speaking coach. He also has an interest in education and science communication, dedicating time to Science For Everyone, a non-profit organization, as a podcast host and video resource creator to improve science literacy Canada-wide. He has also been an invited speaker with multiple organizations including the Western University's Faculty of Education and CFMS' very own National Day of Action.

Director of Global Health Platform

To my fellow CFMS members,

In the past two years of working tirelessly within the CFMS Global Health Portfolio, it has become clear to me that global health work requires a strong foundation. Without community health or rural care, there is no global health. Without a dedicated team or a motivated director, there is no global health portfolio.

Equipped with my Global Health experience, I have the institutional knowledge of how this portfolio operates. I spent one year as the National Officer of Global Health Education and one year as the Associate Global Health, 5 months of which I was the Interim Director of Global Health. In this time, I have reflected on the biggest contributions I can bring to the portfolio and the CFMS at large.

1. Increased International Opportunities for Canadian Medical Students

The CFMS is represented at the International Federation of Medical Students (IFMSA) by the Global Health Portfolio. One of our main duties is to increase accessibility for international opportunities and exchanges. My goal is to increase IFMSA exchange positions so more Canadian students can attend. Moreover, to create a streamlined system for promoting international opportunities throughout the year so more students can take advantage of them. To curb the issue of short deadlines from the IFMSA, I plan to create a database of the past year's opportunities so that people can access a list of past opportunities that may repeat and prepare for those applications.

2. Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization

Within the CFMS, the onus of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization (EDID) falls under the accountability of each and every individual member. This past year, I strived to understand Indigenous representation within the Global Health Portfolio. I hosted consultation sessions with Indigenous student leaders and surveyed the Global Health team on the best ways to support this effort. From their suggestions, I plan to organize the high-in-demand Indigenous Health Roundtables and engage in active recruitment of student leaders from underrepresented communities. EDID must also apply to our team and our initiatives. Considering financial situations or geographical representation is important and I plan to integrate EDID into all opportunities whether it be international projects or National Officer initiatives.

3. Nationwide Projects and Local Levels of Support at Every Institution

The Global Health Portfolio not only has a Global Health Liaison (GHL) at every school but they have multiple Local Officers as well. Many of these GHLs and Local Officers work well independently but I hope to be much more involved with the local initiatives that they put on. I want to create more unifying events such as an Environmental Sustainability in Medicine national project or a National Week of Advocacy on HIV which will allow a collective effort from every medical program for a larger global health cause.

I hope that with these points, my passion for global health shines through and that my vision aligns with creating a healthy organization, ripe with promising opportunities for every medical student in Canada to take advantage of.

Sincerely,

Jun Kim