
Global Health Solutions 2025 (University of Copenhagen)



Copenhagen, 13 - 15 August 2025
Application deadline: 21 July 2025

Join the University of Copenhagen's annual global health case challenge and work in teams with students from diverse backgrounds to tackle a real-world global health issue.

This year's case, "Caught in the Crossfire: Managing Chronic Disease in War Zones," is provided by the Danish Red Cross. ?

Hosted by UCPH Lighthouse and the School of Global Health, the three-day sprint brings together students from various disciplines to co-create innovative solutions.

The team with the most promising solution will be invited to pitch it at the [2025 SDG Olympiad in Geneva](#) (10–13 October).

Why should you join?

- Aid Red Cross in their humanitarian work
- Meet new people and build a network across disciplines
- Be inspired and learn new skills within problem-solving, pitching, and innovation

Who can apply?

All bachelor's, master's, and PhD students at Charles University are welcome to apply – from any discipline or background.

Selected participants will receive a 4EU+ short-term mobility grant to support their travel and accommodation.

Application

Register by **21 July 2025** via the [online form](#) .¹

¹ If you experience issues with the form, please try using a different browser.

After the deadline, all applications will be reviewed and participants selected based on their motivation, which will also guide team formation. Teams of 4–5 students will be created to ensure diversity in academic background and team roles. Applicants will be notified shortly after the deadline.

Programme

- Wednesday 13 August, 09.00-21.00: Case introduction with case provider, innovation methods, teamwork and inspirational talks
- Thursday 14 August, 09.00-21.00: Teamwork, prototyping and pitch training
- Friday 15 August, 09.00-20.00: Teamwork, and pitch session with case provider

About the programme

Global Health Solutions is a three-day design sprint designed to strengthen university students' problem-solving competencies and increase their engagement in real-world global health related issues.

Through a combination of academic skills and innovative methods, approx. 50 students will collaborate in multidisciplinary teams to come up with the best solution to a case question provided by an external public or private partner. Each team presents their solution as a short oral pitch to a jury panel on the final day.

The design sprint starts with a case presentation by the case provider after which students work in teams to come up with the best solution. The programme is dedicated to case-solving and teamwork. Underway, each team will also be given feedback from relevant resource persons.

The design sprint will provide you with in-depth knowledge about the principles of innovation, entrepreneurship and feasibility, effective communication, stakeholder mapping as well as the complexities within global health innovation and the selected global health challenge such as equity, social justice, individual privileges, power dynamics and the post-colonial influence on global health.

You will acquire the skills to identify, assess and integrate facts and data relevant to the case into the solution as well as apply innovation and problem-solving methods taught during the design sprint. You will learn how to co-create and communicate in a multidisciplinary and international context, and how to pitch your ideas persuasively.

Prize

Everybody is a winner! :)

However, the solution that best aligns with the needs of the Red Cross and the official criteria of the 2025 SDG Olympiad will be awarded a funded trip to Geneva, where the team will pitch their idea at the international final alongside winning teams from universities around the world. Before going to Geneva, the winning team will have a chance to mature their idea with the support of innovation consultants in UCPH Lighthouse.

More information

If you have any questions, please write to sgl@sund.ku.dk.

[Read more about last year's Global Health Solutions here](#)