



**Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of Surgery-Master of
Science in Global Health Delivery
(MBBS-MGHD)**

———— Class of 2030 ————

A Letter from the Dean



It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery / Master of Science in Global Health Delivery (MBBS/ MGHD) class of 2030 integrated degree program. These students have successfully passed a rigorous and holistic admissions process and are now beginning the six and a half year dual degree program.

Learning will take place both inside and outside of the classroom, with a focus on real-world scenarios in the community. MBBS/MGHD students will be trained as leaders and advocates, not only as individuals but also for entire health systems. From their first day at UGHE, faculty and staff will provide them with support and mentorship as they progress through the engaging and rigorous curriculum.

The academic program at UGHE will transform students into changemakers. It will equip them with the skills to investigate complex problems with a fresh lens, one that is multidisciplinary, open-minded, and empathetic yet critical. This will be key to addressing global health issues and concerns in a productive, effective and sustainable manner. I would also like to reaffirm our commitment to equity in education and health care, which our students will exemplify throughout the program and take into their careers.

We are confident that this inaugural class of Lions will serve as global health leaders for Africa and beyond, and we are here to support and accompany them through this exciting journey.

Warm Regards,

Abebe Bekele MD FCS FACS

Dean of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Research



QUICK STATS ABOUT **MBBS-MGHD'30**

- ▶ **1450** Applicants
- ▶ **4.14%** Acceptance Rate
- ▶ **7** Countries Represented
- ▶ **60** Students
- ▶ **42** Female
- ▶ **18** Male

Adeline Ishimwe



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Being part of a community which is willing and strives to provide health care to the patients regardless of their financial background alone sounds fascinating. So I'm excited to meet and collaborate with the great people who are willing to make a change in world's ways unfair in health.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

I think the most pressing issue in health care today is health inequity. This is seen in most hospitals or health centers where patients with low financial status are not taken care of properly while the well-off patients are given proper health care. In addition to that, it is seen that urban areas and cities are provided with sufficient and a wide variety of health care services while the rural areas are provided with a narrow range of health care services.

École des Sciences de Musanze
Rwanda



Aline Mukasa



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am so excited to join UGHE to share and learn from the great experiences everyone has accomplished. I have always dreamed of learning and working in a health care field especially now that I have got an opportunity in the best institution UGHE is! As we wait for the arrival at campus I'm eager to meet everyone and excited for the new environment as well as to start on the studies and get to learn more.

I appreciate everything and the services that come along from UGHE staff to help the new students to arrive on campus ready!



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

We understand that health care industry needs a large number of workers not only doctors as most people refer to which is the most pressing issue where there is lack of health care workers by that we mean doctors, nurses, lab technicians and many more. This indicates that as a developing country Rwanda needs to train as many healthy care workers as it can, to improve the all health related services that are provided to the citizens to improve their lives.

FAWE Girls school Rwanda



Allia Tuyishimire



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Joining UGHE has been my dream since I learned about its mission to provide equitable healthcare to the world's most vulnerable societies. After witnessing patients being ignored, I resolved to be a doctor who treats all patients equally. I want the value of equitable healthcare delivery ingrained in me through UGHE's mission-driven education. I'm excited to join UGHE for its global perspective, where students learn from a diverse faculty and collaborate with peers worldwide. UGHE's strong focus on community engagement will teach me to seek information, identify needs, and work on problem-solving to improve lives.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

I have witnessed first hand the significant disparities between rural and urban health care services thus the most pressing issue is lack of equitable health care delivery. Rural areas face challenges such as limited facilities, shortage of medical care professionals and inadequate transportation. Addressing this ensures that all Rwandans regardless of location or social standing can access quality health care. Fostering equity enhances the well being of the country in general.

**FAWE Girls School
Rwanda**





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Joining UGHE excites me for many reasons. Firstly, I eagerly await to connect with brilliant minds and world-class professors dedicated to tackling alarming global health issues with innovative solutions. Additionally, UGHE provides an opportunity to engage with the local community, which provides insights into health care systems. This practical learning and hands-on experiences will equip me with skills necessary for addressing various health challenges facing the community. Moreover, I am enthusiastic about a diverse cultural environment at UGHE, and I look forward to learning from individuals with different cultural backgrounds and perspectives.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

The scarcity of hospitals and higher cost of medication present a barrier to healthcare nowadays. A significant deficit in healthcare infrastructures, especially in undeserving regions and developing countries leads to longer wait times for medical attention and compromised quality of care, to mention a few. Additionally, the high cost of medication is challenging, particularly for individuals with limited financial means. Consequently, this results in delayed treatment, and in some cases, patients forgo their treatment.

Gashora Girls Academy of Science and Technology Rwanda



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What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am excited to join UGHE, mostly because I finally get to study medicine, which is my passion. Unlike in high school, where I studied without a clear vision and without knowing exactly if I would make it into medicine, now I am going to study while having a clear vision, and all of that in one of the best medical schools in Rwanda. I am also excited because I get to meet new friends and people from different countries and learn more about their cultures. In summary, I am excited for the new journey I am about to start.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

For me, I believe the most pressing issue in healthcare today is the shortage of medical personnel, including doctors, in our healthcare system. For instance, the doctor-to-patient ratio is still very low, especially in developing countries like Rwanda, and it certainly needs to increase. This is not only about doctors but also about other medical personnel such as nurses, pharmacists, therapists, and others. However, even though we need more personnel in this field, we also need more capable and well-trained individuals, and that's why governments need to put more effort into it.

Petit Seminaire Saint Vincent
de Ndera
Rwanda



Anitha Ishimwe



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am most excited about several aspects of UGHE. Firstly, the opportunity to engage in clinical rotations and directly interact with patients is incredibly motivating. These experiences will allow me to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios and develop essential clinical skills. Additionally, I look forward to the collaborative learning environment, where I can work alongside passionate peers and learn from experienced faculty members. Lastly, I am excited about the continuous personal and professional growth that comes with the challenges and rewards of medical education, ultimately preparing me to make a meaningful impact in the field of healthcare.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

One of the most pressing issues in healthcare today is ensuring equitable access to quality healthcare for all individuals. Despite advancements in medical technology and treatments, disparities in healthcare access and outcomes persist based on factors such as socioeconomic status, race, and geographical location. These disparities can lead to significant differences in health outcomes, with underserved populations experiencing higher rates of chronic diseases, lower life expectancy, and reduced access to preventive care and treatment.

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Annalise Mushime



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am most excited about being taught by UGHE qualified, skillful and experienced teaching faculty. I am very excited to meet brilliant and determined students. I believe that Medicine is a diverse field and I am very excited and interested in the science behind MBBS/MGHD at UGHE and I can't wait to gain those skills. The other thing which I am most excited about is the geographical location of the campus, the physical view and also being a favourable condition for studying.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

I think that the most pressing issue in healthcare today is the shortage of healthcare professionals and this affects the quality of healthcare delivered as it leads to the hiring of those who are not adequately trained and experienced. In response, the workforce stress and turnover for the healthcare professionals reduce the quality of healthcare delivered. The shortage of healthcare professionals also cause the imbalance in need and supply.

Kagarama Secondary School
Rwanda



Aurore Ndayizeye Hirwa



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

It all started at my grandma's place, I was watching Rwanda day in its medical session, I then realised that the majority of its guest of honour were from University of Global Health Equity. From then, I dreamt I would study in such a positive environment, improve my English and become an inspiring health professional as these people inspired me. From my research, I also heard that it is a conducive environment with specialized professionals which would undoubtedly help me achieve my dream.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

Permit me to start with a story, I was born and raised in a community where most of my neighbors engaged into prostitution, drug abuse and alcoholism as well as early pregnancies and this descended from mother to child. The most pressing issue is that when a local health professional approaches they hold back and say "do not interfere with our individual lives". Approaching a patient who is not aware of sickness is the most challenging in healthcare delivery.

Ecole des Sciences Byimana Rwanda





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I thank your strong sense of determination to provide us with education needed to overcome barriers in access to healthcare. In joining UGHE, I am most excited about beginning my career path. Truly, i am very contented for joining MBBS program because i am going to be who i have ever wished to be. I mean the one who will be able to help everyone to attain their full potential for health and well being. the other thing is studying in university of my dreams with very incredible reputation.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

From my observation in the scheme of healthcare, the most pressing issue in healthcare is difficulty in access to surgical services by vulnerable people. This is due to mostly direct and indirect costs related to surgical care which make it uneasy to have access to it. the other reason is due to lack of local resources and expertise at local hospitals means that there is a need to transfer patient to the referral hospitals which result into other problem of transportation costs for some.

Eole Notre Dame De La Providence De
Karubanda(ENDP KARUBANDA).
Rwanda



Brune Nziza



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

From a young age, societal expectations for women in careers felt like a barrier. I've always believed that pursuing a quality education meant challenging these stereotypes. At UGHE, I envision an environment that embraces challenges like gender equality and equity in healthcare. Studying complex courses and collaborating with other fellows will empower young women. Joining UGHE will be a bridge for me to positively impact my community, especially women, by fostering inclusivity and confidence.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

With the world's population growing and technology advancing, the demand for high-quality healthcare outpaces access in many regions worldwide. This resulted in a lack of widespread access to high-quality care due to barriers such as poverty, limited resources, and a shortage of healthcare workers, preventing people from getting the care they need. These availability, cost, and quality disparities significantly impact individual and community well-being as preventable illnesses develop into more complex and resource-intensive problems.

**Lycee Notre Dame de Citeaux
Rwanda**

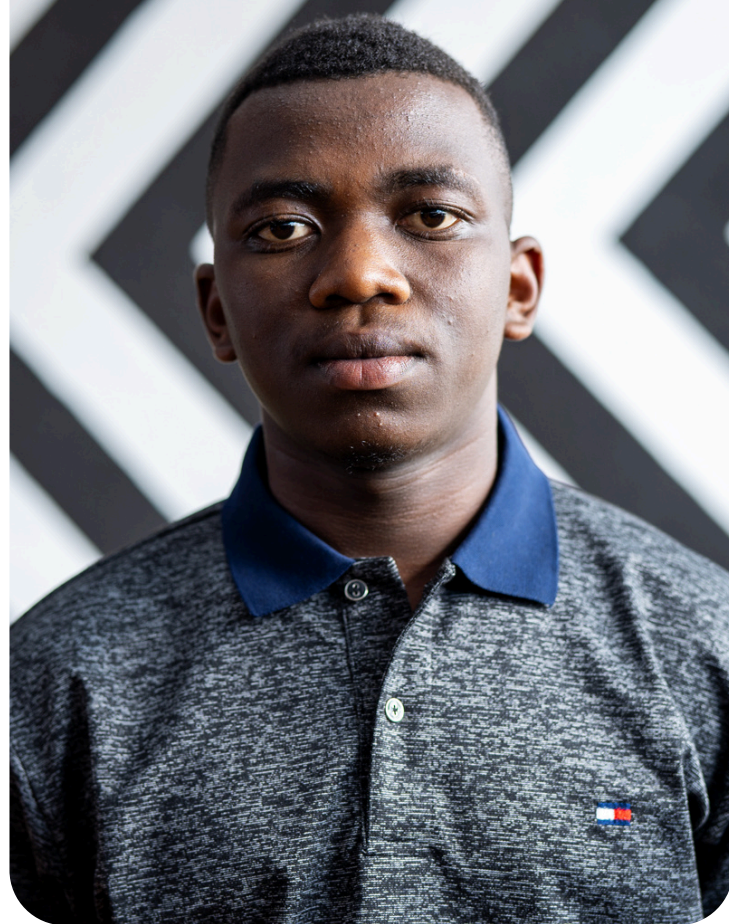


Bruno Hirwa



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

As a student, I'm thrilled about the prospect of joining UGHE to engage with a diverse community of fellow students and to explore the breathtaking natural surroundings that encompass the University of Global Health Equity.



What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

The most pressing issue in healthcare today is ensuring equitable access to quality healthcare services for all individuals, regardless of their socio-economic status, geographical location, or other factors.

College Saint Andre
Rwanda





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am most excited to join UGHE because of its strong focus on transforming health systems. I believe that only through a strong health system, can everyone receive the care they need. Just like beehives or ant colonies thrive through their organized and efficient systems, I believe that a strong healthcare system is essential for ensuring that all individuals receive the care they need.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

In developing countries, I think the most pressing issue has a lot to do with the funding, availability of resources and a workforce. On a global scale however, I think the most pressing issue is establishing a universal healthcare system that ensures access to essential medical services for everyone.

Mother Mary School Complex Rwanda



Chris Aime Bonfils

What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Joining UGHE will offer me an unequalled opportunity to pursue my journey as a medical doctor. UGHE has the best set of tools and resources that help in good understanding of courses and foster excellence in a medical student. I'm stunned by UGHE's location that will help me collaborate with a diverse, passionate community and gain hands-on experience in public health practices. I'm thrilled to be part of UGHE family and acquiring all the skills and knowledge that UGHE will provide as I will be trained to change the world.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

One of the most pressing issue in healthcare today, is lack of enough healthcare professionals especially in Rwanda. Compared to those in need, there are a few number of professional doctors, which leads to longer waiting time and reduces the quality of patients' care. Rural areas are particularly affected by this, which usually draws them to adopt traditional means of curing. This shows the need for health care education as well as enough skilled health care professionals to serve those in need.

Ecole des Sciences de Gisenyi Rwanda



Christella Jackin Ineza



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Being able to join a community that I will spend the next five and a half years, I can't help but look forward to meeting new people and learn a lot from either my professors and UGHE community at large.

I am also so excited to experience my medical school life in a place I can call home far away from home.



Lycee de Kigali
Rwanda

What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

Healthcare as a vast industry has got a lot of issues but one in particular that I have experienced is lack of inadequate health care workers/ staffing shortage. The long waiting queues and the pain that patients go through just before seeing a doctor. The most dreadful truth to hear is how these most vulnerable communities have been neglected with one or two doctors and then have to fend for themselves.





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Joining the University of Global Health Equity excites me because of its commitment to transforming global health education. The university's innovative curriculum and emphasis on equity and social justice resonate deeply with my passion for addressing healthcare disparities. I am particularly eager to collaborate with a diverse community of students and faculty dedicated to impactful, community-based health solutions. The opportunity to engage in hands-on, experiential learning will equip me with the skills to drive meaningful change in global health systems. UGHE represents a unique platform to turn my aspirations into reality.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

One of the most pressing issues in healthcare today is the disparity in access to quality medical services. In many regions, socioeconomic barriers prevent people from receiving adequate care, leading to worse health outcomes. This issue is worsened by a shortage of healthcare professionals, inadequate infrastructure, and the high cost of medical treatments. Addressing these disparities requires systemic changes, including increased investment in healthcare infrastructure, policy reforms to make healthcare more affordable, and efforts to train and retain more healthcare providers. Bridging these gaps is crucial for achieving global health equity.

Groupe Scolaire Officiel de
Butare
Rwanda



Clementine Uwera



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Since UGHE is an international institution, I am really eager to learn about the cultural diversity there. I look forward to meeting students and educators from all over the world. To add to this, I'm excited to learn about global health issues and their solutions through high-quality education. Last but not least, I'm thrilled to take part in extracurricular activities at UGHE, such as sports.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

A certain percentage of healthcare is impacted by many articles including the impact of climate change, mental health, dementia, etc. But the most compelling issue, in my opinion, is how poverty affects healthcare. In this context, poverty is defined as not being able to buy all of the medications a person would require due to financial instability. Corruption in healthcare facilities often favors the wealthy, who receive excellent care and timely treatment, while the underprivileged receive inadequate care.

Liquidnet Family High School Agahozo
Shalom Youth Village
Rwanda



Denis Gasana



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am excited to study in UGHE because it is one of the greatest universities in Africa that provide the required knowledge and skills that needed by students to become professional doctors at international level. UGHE is the university with professional lectures and required equipment that help students to do research and practice properly to become qualified doctors. I am also excited to study with intelligent students with the same purpose of being qualified doctors.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

The most pressing issue in health care today is the shortage of doctors, in Rwanda. There is a few number of doctors and required equipment. Because of this, patients get transferred to referral hospitals, causing congestion and delays in their treatment. This would be dangerous to those who need emergency healthcare and found that there is no doctors who are available to treat them this may increase death rate.

GS Remera Rukoma D.R.C



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Diane Irakoze



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I have been dreaming about becoming a medical doctor since I was young. So this is very amazing opportunity, that I have ever got to undertake my studies at UGHE and for this I'm very certain that I'm heading to my dream. I'm very excited about class sessions because I hope that we will be having all the materials needed for even doing practicals and I think that the lessons will be very much interesting for me as a medical student. I'm very excited to meet new people and making new friends as well.



Fawe Girls School
Rwanda

What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

Lack of enough materials and relying on only traditional healing system. Considering people from rural areas, they don't access quality healthcare because materials are still very few to serve all the patients in those areas as they are many. Most of the people especially those from rural areas base on traditional healers whenever they get sick. So this is one of the cause of some deaths because the patients get some treatment which are not specific to their sickness.





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am thrilled about the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and conduct research on global health challenges. I firmly believe that UGHE's innovative curriculum, centered on equity, a biosocial approach, and a One Health perspective, will empower me to become a passionate advocate for social justice and fulfill my dream of serving the vulnerable as a doctor. I look forward to being part of a diverse and collaborative community committed to addressing the world's most complex health challenges and bringing about positive change in healthcare delivery.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

The shortage of healthcare professionals is a critical issue in healthcare today. According to the Forward-Looking Joint Health Sector Review Report (FLJSR), Rwanda had a density of 1.1 healthcare workers per 1000 people in 2023, falling below the 4.45 per 1000 required for Sustainable Development Goals. This shortage leads to complexities such as inequitable access to quality care, disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations. Addressing this issue calls for thoughtful consideration of increasing the number of trained healthcare workers and making adjustments to the annual budget for health.

Petit Séminaire Saint-Jean Nkumba
Rwanda



Eloi Stephane Imena Karemera



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am thrilled to join the UGHE community where I will obtain quality education that will help me play an important role in society as a medical doctor. Still, I am also excited to meet new people with whom I share the same passion for medicine and the same mission to provide the best healthcare. I hope that my classmates and I will be able to learn from each other as we go together through the academic experience, building connections that will shape our future mission of healing and sustaining the life of our society.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

In my opinion the most pressing issue in healthcare today would be its accessibility, especially in rural areas. Most people who live in rural areas do not have access to healthcare not only because of the lack of economic means but also because the hospitals and healthcare centers are not easily accessible. Hence, people have to travel long distances to obtain healthcare. Moreover, the healthcare centers in rural areas may lack the tools to deliver proper care or have a shortage of competent workforce. All these factors add up to make access to proper healthcare difficult, particularly in rural areas.

Petit Seminaire Virgo Fidelis
Rwanda





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

The one thing that I am most excited about at UGHE is its proximity to Butaro Hospital. I am very interested in cancer and it is my dream to carry out research in cancer treatment. The thought that at UGHE, I would have access to cancer patients where I can observe them and monitor their progress motivated me to apply at UGHE. I believe that having Butaro hospital nearby will help me to adequately understand cancer.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

High cost of medications is a concerning issue to healthcare nowadays. Though having insurance for all in Rwanda has helped to solve the expensive costs of medical care. It is still a problem for poor people to get medicine since they are not covered by the insurance. The medicine are very expensive and most people can not afford them hence hindering their health. A solution should be sought for this issue, if not we would be wasting our time trying to encourage people to come to hospitals for examinations when in the end they won't be able to buy medicines.

**Gashora Girls Academy of
Science and Technology
Rwanda**





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I'm very excited to join UGHE because of its unique approach to global health and medicine. The focus on social justice and community-based learning can and will help me develop both my clinical skills and an understanding of health equity. With the fully-funded scholarship, I can concentrate fully on my studies and work towards improving healthcare in underserved areas. I'm also looking forward to being part of a diverse and passionate student community and learning from the experienced faculty!



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

The most pressing issue in healthcare today is the lack of access to quality care for everybody all around the world. Despite advances in medicine, there are vast disparities in health outcomes based on geographical location, socioeconomic status, and ethnicity especially here in Africa. Many people in low-income and rural areas cannot access basic medical services, leading to preventable diseases and deaths. Addressing this requires improving healthcare infrastructure, increasing funding for public health, and implementing policies that ensure equitable care.

Rafiki International School
Burundi





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am so excited to be joining UGHE! This is an amazing opportunity for me to study medicine in such a stimulating and inspiring environment. I am impressed by the university's reputation for excellence, and I can't wait to work with experienced professors who can guide and teach me. I hope to be able to apply the theoretical knowledge I gain to have a tangible impact on the most vulnerable communities. This chance to train at UGHE is exactly what I need to make my dreams a reality.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

I think one of the biggest issues in healthcare today is lack of access to quality care, especially for people living in poverty. From what I've learned, many communities around the world don't have enough doctors, clinics, or affordable treatment options. This means a lot of people can't get the medical help they desperately need. I'm also concerned about the strain that chronic diseases and pandemics put on healthcare systems. It seems like more investment is needed to build resilient systems that can withstand major challenges.

École "Amie des Enfants" de
Matana
Burundi





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am excited to join UGHE to fulfill my dream of serving those in need, irrespective of their financial situation. The programs offered will enhance my knowledge in health service delivery and develop essential skills for treating patients. Studying at UGHE will also improve my leadership abilities and foster a deep appreciation for diversity, learning alongside peers from different cultures. I anticipate a transformative experience that will refine my professional and personal values.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

Health care is improving with technology, yet several issues persist. Rural areas lack awareness of modern treatments, often favoring traditional healers. Education on modern medicine's benefits could help. Also, these areas face a severe shortage of health facilities, requiring residents to travel far for care, problematic for emergencies. Building more local facilities could mitigate this. Additionally, high treatment costs render care like dialysis unaffordable to many. Collaborations with insurance companies could help subsidize such expensive treatments.

Ecole De Science de Byimana
Rwanda



Gisele Umutoniwase



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am most excited about joining the University of Global Health Equity because it offers a unique opportunity to be part of a global community dedicated to transforming healthcare. The prospect of collaborating with individuals from diverse backgrounds is incredibly inspiring. I look forward to the hands-on experience of going into the field, meeting patients, and applying what I learn in real-world settings. Additionally, the chance to engage in sports and other extracurricular activities adds another layer of excitement.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

The most pressing issue in healthcare today is inequity in access to quality care. In many rural areas, there are few hospitals and even fewer doctors. Consequently, people who cannot afford private healthcare suffer, leading to deteriorating health and worsening socioeconomic conditions. I believe the University of Global Health Equity is actively addressing this challenge, contributing significantly to national health goals and improving the overall wellness of the population.

Gashora Girls Academy of Science and Technology Rwanda



Gloria Isingizwe



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

In joining UGHE I will be undertaking one of the hardest programs to pursue for higher studies but in an institution that provides all the necessary facilities to make the effort worthwhile and fruitful. Starting from the healthy lifestyle to working closely with the Butaro hospital, one will have access to more intel there than elsewhere. There is also the fact that it is a multicultural society where I will learn about other countries and their traditions.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

One of the most pressing issues in healthcare is the lack of fully equipped hospitals around the country. There are only about 3 or 4 hospitals where all people get transferred for higher treatment and due to high number of patients on-waiting, some succumb to their illnesses before they can get treated. If there were more advanced hospitals with properly trained and equipped staff placed strategically all around the country, it would not be very long and deaths would be reduced significantly.

École des Sciences Byimana Rwanda



Gloria Ombelle Hirwa



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am most excited about learning from highly esteemed lecturers and within a friendly environment expected in UGHE. I am also most excited about being a medical student and pursuing my goal of becoming a doctor as it has always been my dream. It is a great honor to be able to do this at a very good institution which excites me more. Last but not least, am excited about being one of global health change makers at the end of studying program. Through UGHE, I will have the opportunity to serve the community.



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Providence Karubanda
Rwanda

What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

Today, the globe faces many challenges affecting people's lives. One of the pressing one is the emergence of new pathogens. Changing environmental conditions and other factors contribute to the rise of new species which poses significant threats. Additionally, known pathogens are evolving becoming more resistant to treatments and harder to eradicate.



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Henry A B Kolo



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

UGHE will enable me to achieve my lifetime dream of becoming a MEDICAL DOCTOR. With the impact of the brain drain of healthcare workers, and the extremely low doctor-to-patient ratio across my country, coupled with the numerous social determinants of health issues. A degree from UGHE would help me hone my skills. This will also equip me with the knowledge to help build a sustainable health system in Liberia and improve global health by achieving goal 3 of the SDG. Given the faculty and curriculum, I see UGHE as a destination for the realization of such goal.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

Low degrees of social determinants of health. These factors, including income, education, housing, and social support, often drive health outcomes more than medical care alone. Addressing these issues is important for solving the most pressing challenges in health care. Instead of focusing solely on treating diseases, health systems must address root causes like poverty, inequality, and access to resources.

Totota Lutheran Parish High
School
Liberia



Ibrahim Hassan Ibrahim



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

To be honest what excites me the most about joining UGHE is the vibrant atmosphere, which creates a conducive environment for students to pursue their studies and goals. I have visited your social media, YouTube in particular and found out that I have never seen a university so committed to help its students make a major impact on the society they're coming from. A student studying in such a friendly environment must have only one thing in his or her mind, score as high as they can. That for me is the key area of concentration.

What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

According to me the most pressing issue in healthcare today is its availability. A lot of people face challenges getting to health facilities. There are natural social economical and religious barriers that hinder people to access healthcare. With few doctors and even fewer hospitals people opt for traditional medicine which does not necessarily base their principles on improved medical principles.



Feza Boys Secondary and High School
Tanzania





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I'm excited to be a part of UGHE because its dedication to providing high quality education and inspiring goal of changing the global healthcare system by advancing equity for the poor. Students can succeed in an ideal atmosphere at UGHE because of its facilities and friendly community. I look forward to growing and contributing to this remarkable organization that is committed to having a significant influence on healthcare around the globe. I'm grateful for this amazing opportunity



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

One of the most pressing issue in healthcare today is the disparity in access to quality healthcare systems. This is caused by different aspects including high costs of healthcare services and medications that make it unaffordable for many, particularly in low-income communities. Also rural and underserved areas often lack sufficient healthcare facilities and professionals. Factors such as education, housing, and nutrition also significantly impact individuals' health outcomes and access to care.

Ecole des Sciences Byimana Rwanda



Immaculee Mukire



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am highly excited about joining UGHE because firstly, I'm looking forward to get quality education from great experienced lecturers from well-known universities all around the world and learn from people with different cultures, as it is an international university. Secondly, joining MBBS/MGHD program will help me to achieve my dreams without paying tuition fees, as my family couldn't afford the cost so I'm overwhelmed about this great opportunity I am given. I can't wait to see myself being a change in my community by delivering quality health care services in rural areas and being someone's role model in health care delivery.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

I think that the most pressing issue in health care in this day include chronic diseases managements, like diabetes, heart diseases and cancer so improving prevention of these diseases is crucial. There is also health disparities which is so unfair and it is due to different social determinants of health like economic stability, education, food insecurity and job insecurity. In addition there is healthcare workforce shortage like nurses, doctors and midwives in some regions and this make people to travel miles and miles searching for quality health care services

Fawe Girls School Rwanda



Innocent Byiringiro



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

As a naturally curious individual, I'm thrilled about the opportunity to innovate and create in global health delivery. Whether it's developing new healthcare systems or finding efficient solutions to the most pressing issues in health today, the dynamic environment keeps me engaged and inspired. Contributing to something bigger than myself drives my motivation, and UGHE's mission and community provide the perfect platform for me to be part of creating a better and brighter future filled with hope of health for everyone.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

The most pressing issue in health today is the lack of health equity. Despite remarkable advancements in healthcare and groundbreaking discoveries, many people still cannot afford essential medical treatments and lack access to quality healthcare providers. Bridging this gap and ensuring equitable access to healthcare services remains a critical challenge worldwide.

Groupe Scholaire Officiel de
Butare(G.S.O.B)
D.R.C





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

It is with a great pleasure that I join UGHE because this is a very important step in the journey of reaching on my dreams of becoming a medical doctor .

Therefore, I am very excited to gain the special global health education in UGHE. I will graduate with enough skills to serve my community with humility and empathy. It is also crucial to meet with very important health professionals with different skills , colleagues including internationals to gain foreign cultures and sharing life skills.



**Ecole Secondaire Saint
Francois de Shangi
Rwanda**

What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

Nowadays there are the main urgent issues to be dealt with in the healthcare which include shortage of health care professionals where people are continuing to suffer because of not having enough specialists to serve them with health services.

Another issue is about the rising cost of healthcare where financially disadvantaged population are not able to fund themselves for needed healthcare.



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Kellia Agasaro



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

There are many different things about UGHE that really make me excited. First of all is their hard-working lecturers that support students to chase their dreams . That makes me most excited because I believe that I will learn many things from them.

Not only that , but I believe that my classmates and I will support one another as we work together. I am excited to collaborate in this environment , learn new things and contribute what I can in global health.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

There are different challenges for healthcare but one of major challenge is a shortage of healthcare professionals, be it doctors, nurses or other medical stuff. Briefly, addressing challenges requires the biggest financial challenges .

G.S Rambura(G)
Rwanda





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Hearing and seeing all that UGHE has established since its inception as an institution of academic excellence and development has been nothing short of Inspiring. Which is why I am excited to join this amazing University and look forward to an interactive, versatile and conducive environment. As an international student, it's even more invigorating because of all Rwanda has achieved thus far, I have no doubt we will be molded into model doctors and global citizens who will not only Inspire but bring immense change to Africa and the world at large.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

Currently the most pressing issue is the inaccessibility of health services to rural areas which is all that UGHE is looking to improve having admitted a wider array of international students with an interest to improve this very issue. This is further exacerbated by the shortage of healthcare personnel in all fields. More so, doctors. It would be an honor to see my cohort bring about positive change to this issue by making sure all people in hard-to-reach areas are never neglected as we scramble to bring about lasting change.

Lesotho High School
Lesotho





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am so glad and excited to be enrolled as MBBS/MGHD 2030 student at UGHE. It is a dream come true to become a medical doctor, but there are reasons that decorate MBBS/MGHD offered UGHE to be special. Firstly am amazed with integration of two valuable degrees(MBBS and MGHD) obtained in a period of less than 7 years, enables students to gain adequate knowledge and skills. Secondly, signing of Umusanzu Retention Agreement fascinates me because it focuses on serving less privileged people in our society . Finally it's supportive environment including good lectures, infrastructure, learning materials and decent accommodation.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

Inadequate availability of medical doctors in health facilities. Medical doctors play crucial role in delivering quality health services to patients . However, due to the high costs required to train doctors and many years they spend at universities, most nations(especially developing countries) has limited capacity to train adequate number of professional medical doctors. Hence, there is very high doctors to patient ratio ,that means few doctors are available to serve a large population. This jeopardizes quality of care given to patient .

**Zomba Urban Secondary
School
Malawi**



Lea Niyogisubizo



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I'm so excited to join UGHE basing on reputation of basic quality education they offer, hands on practicals where all cohorts understand health issues from vulnerable society to find respective solutions. There is inclusiveness and equitable culture at UGHE. It offers all the requirements necessary for the student's well-being and offer helpful conditions for them to complete their studies. I hope UGHE will facilitate the achievement of my dreams.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

Today the most pressing issue in healthcare is few number of doctors at health centers. This issue affects the health of patients where some patients fails to get treatment because doctors are occupied by other patients. In some cases, people from suburbs try to find treatment from traditional healers based on their thoughts that the medical care is insufficient. Unfortunately, the patients with in critical conditions lose their lives. To overcome this, we have to train huge number of students to become doctors; hence, they will be able to take care of patients in quicker.

G.S Saint Aloys Rwamagana
Rwanda



Liliose Micomyiza



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

The thing I am excited about is getting the outstanding knowledge and skills that will allow me to help those in need. UGHE is well equipped and this will facilitate us in our daily learning activities. Moreover UGHE supports in clinical practicals for its which increase the experience in their medical career. Lastly, the diversity at UGHE will help me know different people from other countries.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

I think the pressing issue in healthcare today is insufficient materials used in treatment, for example, oxygen bags, some pills, and so on. In addition to that, there is also the issue of a shortage of nurses and doctors, which leads to delays in treatment because not every health center has the doctor needed for specific diseases. For example, Kabgayi Hospital is known to treat eyes because they have specialised eye doctors there, so a person with an eye problem from Ngoma must travel all the way to Kabgayi to be treated.

Institut Sainte Famille
Nyamasheke
Rwanda



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Majoele Masabbatha Molupe



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to study medicine and deepen my appreciation for social justice. The skills I will acquire at UGHE will enable me to make meaningful contributions to my country and serve people of all backgrounds. I've always aspired to help my country, and to join UGHE will groom me to become a better leader in healthcare. This education will equip me to address health disparities and promote equitable access to medical services, fulfilling my long-held dream of making a positive impact in my community.



Khethisa High school
Lesotho

What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

Most health centers are located far from communities, especially in rural areas like Lesotho, where poor infrastructure hampers access to healthcare. The lack of well-developed roads forces people to ride horses to reach clinics, a journey that can take days. Upon arrival, patients face long queues due to a shortage of healthcare workers. Additionally, public hospitals often suffer from medication shortages, forcing patients to buy medicines from pharmacies, which many cannot afford. These issues result in poorer health outcomes for underserved communities, highlighting the urgent need for improved infrastructure and healthcare resources in rural areas.





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I dreamt of being a doctor since I was eight years old. Growing up with this dream I always wished to study in an institution which will equip me with all skills, knowledge and experience which will help me to save lives all over the world. Joining UGHE is the first step to the realization of my dreams.

I am thrilled to be taught by UGHE's diverse and experienced lecturers from all over the world as it will help me to understand healthcare provision at a global level. I look forward to acquiring skills, knowledge and working together with UGHE team for the next six years.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

The most pressing issue about healthcare is shortage of healthcare professionals especially in remote and rural areas. Currently the number of healthcare providers and professionals around the world is small and this can be witnessed by people living in rural or remote areas. I grew up in a rural area in Rwanda, and I remember that I once waited for four hours before being treated regardless of the fact that I was bleeding. The major cause of this was the low number of doctors and nurses in the hospital that time but this hasn't changed though ten years have passed.

Groupe Scolaire Notre Dame
d'Afrique- Nyundo
Rwanda



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Why do you want to become a doctor?

I am really excited to join UGHE and It feels like I am embracing my long time dream. Being a doctor was my childhood dream, so to get this opportunity to study in UGHE will help achieve it. Sometimes I ask myself if this is really happening. So I'm excited about studies, the way of living, the environment there in short it's everything. So thanks for this opportunity I hope that I do great.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

There are many pressing issues in healthcare today. But now I'll be talking about Rwanda. In Rwanda we have many pressing issues in healthcare like until now there are some people who still don't understand importance of going to health centers when they have health problems. And some don't even have health insurance. In order to deal with this we have to mass-educate the public about the importance of receiving health care starting from our small communities.

GS Mere du Verbe Kibeho
Rwanda



Marlene Louange Isangwe



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

My zeal to make a positive impact on lives, instilled in me a profound sense of bringing solace to the lives of those in need. In attending UGHE, I'm eager to immerse myself in a diverse community dedicated to tackling global health challenges with innovative solutions. The opportunity to learn from experienced professionals and engage in hands-on experiences promises to be empowering. Equally important, I fervently await to connect with like-minded individuals who are passionate about making a difference in the field of global health, and earnestly anticipate being part of a vibrant and supportive social environment.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

Numerous recent studies have led to the conclusion that a recurring concern in healthcare globally, is achieving equitable access to quality healthcare. Disparities in healthcare access and outcomes persist due to various factors, including socioeconomic status, geographical, race, and gender. In addition to quality healthcare, inadequacy of various doctors and specialists has been the pressing issues in healthcare today.

Gashora Girls Academy of
Science and Technology
Rwanda



Monia Ikirezi



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I'm very pleased to join the journey and acquire more knowledge and opportunities offered. And also provide my part and help in global health.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

An aging population has led to a growing demand for healthcare services. Many healthcare workers who are capable and experienced are of an old age. This demographic shift places immense pressure on an already limited healthcare workers. This can lead to hiring of those who are not adequately trained thus poor quality of treatments provided.

Groupe Scholaire Sainte
Bernadette Save



Naomi Nkhoma



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Having personally experienced poor healthcare, I am excited to join the MBBS/MGHD Programme so that in the future I'll be on the other side of the table providing better patient care from the knowledge that I'm about to get equipped with. I have also witnessed a significant global health challenge related to lack of access to clean water that exposed a large community to health risks. I'm eager to contribute tangible efforts to help communities facing a similar challenge. Additionally, I am looking forward to learn about Rwanda's culture and language.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

I feel the most pressing issue is population based inequities. Rural populations tend to have little or no access to health care and are exposed to a number of health risks due to some living conditions. While on the other hand, urban areas have more well trained and experienced specialists whom they can easily access. Equal health care should be available in all communities but on the contrary, its availability is affected by several social determinants like class. Therefore this is a crucial issue.

Kaseye Girls Secondary School Malawi



Naomie Ishimwe



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am most excited about joining a global community of health professionals that are making a difference in their profession. It has been my life-long dream to become a doctor and at UGHE I can reach my highest potential and make my dream a reality. UGHE offers a community based education which is best because it focuses first and foremost on those who need healthcare the most. I am excited to join UGHE in order to become the best doctor I can be and make the world a better place through better healthcare.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

Antimicrobial resistance is a pressing issue in healthcare. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites no longer respond to antimicrobial medicines. Infections become difficult or impossible to treat, increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness, disability and death. (WHO)

AMR is a natural process, but is exponentially increased by the overuse and misuse of drugs.

AMR is a pressing issue firstly because healthcare workers are unable to treat infections and even minor surgeries become big risks.

Rafiki International School Rwanda



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Nelly Teta Ineza



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Service. A seven letter word that changed my perspective. To me, “the profession of a doctor” means going an extra mile to serve. It means to see beyond and be able to provide something that addresses the physical and emotional demands of the patient. Growing up, I saw sick people who couldn’t afford health care. It was a rude awakening for me, as I realized how removed I was from the suffering; and it woke a spirit of humility that drives me to serve. I’m excited to join UGHE, to learn and honor what it means to be a servant.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

One of the overriding topics today is the unequal access of medical care among developing countries. People in rural areas lack basic health care rights due to lack of finances and not belonging to any effective medical system. But importantly, health care systems are under-resourced and overwhelmed leading to poor health outcomes. I believe that everyone has a universal right to access quality healthcare; and one of the possible solutions to these issues may be to change ways that healthcare is delivered by creating people who are prepared to serve and equipped in sustaining effective and equitable health systems.

Ecole des Sciences Byimana Rwanda



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Nicole Ishimwe



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I have always wanted to be a doctor but often didn't like the idea because, back then, it was limited to knowledge of science and medicine. At UGHE, however, I am so excited to merge physiology, the knowledge of body processes with sociology, the knowledge of people. I want to shift the narrative from treating patients as just people who are sick to treating them as people with a holistic life, dreams, and hopes. I can't wait to be part of the next generation of Rwandan doctors who will rewrite the story of the health sector in our country.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

There are so many issues in the healthcare sector that it is almost impossible to choose only one challenge. However, from my experience, most doctors in vulnerable communities lack passion. It is rare to find doctors who really love their job and put patients first before anything else. This is often seen in doctors taking long breaks while patients wait long hours to meet them. Even when patients meet doctors, they are often treated harshly and with no compassion. Being a doctor is a very difficult job, but it should be done with utmost care to be effective.

College Marie Reine de la Paix
Rwanda



Noella Izabayo



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I have realized that UGHE as an institution thrives to not only empower students with knowledge and skills required to combat current health issues but also positively impact community around the campus (Butaro sector). Therefore, I am deeply excited about the moments where I will join hands with my colleagues to address health related issues like breast in the nearby community. Moreover, I can't wait to join music club, not to mention interacting with my fellow students with different nationalities and backgrounds.



**Gashora Girls Academy of
Science and Technology
Rwanda**

What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

I think shortage of healthcare professionals is the most pressing issue in healthcare today. For instance, according to RBC report in 2018, doctor to population ratio is 1/8919 in Rwanda. However, without generalizing the distribution of doctors; in rural areas, this ratio is quite high. Consequently, patients only access high quality treatment when they are sick enough to be admitted to district hospitals. When I did internship in laboratory at Ruhuha health center, we would opt for urinalysis instead of genital swab because there were no gynecologist to do so.





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I'm mostly excited about meeting future doctors from various countries and communities, outstanding students and learning from them. I want to be part of the UGHE community and enjoy their lifestyle and later on get a chance to go out and impact my community positively by combining all the skills and knowledge derived from having attended the UGHE Class of 2030.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

There are many issues in health care today but what I think is the most pressing one is the rising cost of medication and health care while the need or demand for them is also rising. This implies that although there is an increase in the number of people who need medical care, they can't afford it due to the raised cost hence poor health as a result.

**Ecole des Sciences Byimana
Rwanda**



Pascaline Iradukunda



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

What makes me more excited to join UGHE is their goal to transform students into better global health leaders and I am excited and looking forward to one of the transformed health leader. I am excited to become that person who can be able to help the poor as a doctor and positively impact my society.

In addition I am also excited just to meet new people from different cultures to learn from each other and of course share some important experiences .

In short I really can't wait to join UGHE because I really think it will be a very big opportunity for me to improve myself physically and emotionally.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

The most pressing issue is the cost of healthcare services and shortage of labor in health system. Considering how expensive it is to get insurances, health facilities are associated with a higher cost of services which in turn makes people especially those from poor communities loose access to it thus creating higher inequality in health of people.

College Sainte Marie Kibuye
Rwanda



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Patience Uwimana Kayitete

What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

In joining UGHE what I am most excited about is to learn and make myself of someone helpful to the needy. I am looking forward to it. Also being part of the UGHE community and share my skills with others while also learning from them. I bet I will have a great experience. I also can't wait to get to know people from diverse cultures. I can't wait to join UGHE.

What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

The most pressing issue in healthcare today that I see is increase in demand for those who need healthcare while the professionals either nurses, doctors, are still limited. The population increases daily but those willing to join the medical careers are not increasing. Healthcare demand overpasses the supply.



College Saint Andre
Rwanda





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am happy to be part of the UGHE community because they have new ideas about teaching global health and they are dedicated to helping everyone have better health. I am really interested in the chance to learn from great teachers, work on community projects, and work with different people. UGHE's focus on equity and consideration of the future meet with my goal to bring significant change in global health.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

The biggest problem in healthcare right now is that not everyone can access health care. Even though medicine and treatments have improved, some people still don't have means to get that care, especially in poor and marginalized communities. This unfairness is caused by different social status, allocations, and biases in the system. It's really important to address these differences in order to make sure everyone around the world has the same access to good health and to make sure that everyone's health gets better.

Ecole des Sciences Byimana
Rwanda





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

UGHE is well-known for its amazing facilities, incomparable faculty, and extraordinary education, which I all look forward to exploring. I can't wait to get to UGHE and meet the rest of my class from different backgrounds and nationalities in order to grow and learn together, as well as expand my point of view as a future global health revolutionist. I am assured that being in UGHE's diverse environment will stimulate more of my creativity, analyzing skills, and efficient communication, which are quite essential for my personal development while also unleashing the potential of meaningful connections.

What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

I believe that one of the most pressing issues in the healthcare system these days is that quality and advanced healthcare services like radiography among others, are less accessible and costly for many people to afford, especially those in rural areas. This is mainly because such services are mostly provided in a few places where not everyone can easily travel to and the shortage of novel medical technology that can be used to ease booking hospital appointments and online diagnosis.



**Gashora Girls Academy of
Science and Technology
Rwanda**





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I'm most excited about joining UGHE to delve into cutting-edge research, gain hands-on clinical experience, and learn from esteemed faculty. The opportunity to contribute to advancements in healthcare and improve patients' lives while building a foundation for a rewarding medical career is incredibly motivating.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

The most pressing issue in healthcare today is ensuring equitable access to quality care. Disparities in healthcare access and outcomes based on socioeconomic status, geographical, and race exacerbate existing health inequalities. Addressing this requires systemic reforms, investment in underserved communities, and policies that prioritize universal, affordable healthcare for all.

**Maryhill Girls' Secondary
School
Rwanda**





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am mostly fascinated by university goal and vision of promoting health equity and ensuring that quality healthcare is accessible to all, particularly the underserved populations. This vision aligns perfectly well with my personal aspirations. Joining the institution offers a unique opportunity to be part of the groundbreaking force dedicated to bringing everlasting change and transformation to the global health equity. Additionally, the idea of engaging with a diverse cohort of students who are equally passionate about health equity is extremely inspiring and exciting.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

I believe the most pressing issue in healthcare today is the inequality of quality health healthcare services. Disparities such as socioeconomic status, race, gender and geographical location result in unequal health outcomes and limit the accessibility of essential health services, especially for the marginalized populations. Despite many advances in medical technology and treatments, healthcare seems to remain a privilege to the few who can afford it, rather than a right to all. This therefore perpetuates cycle of illnesses which may even lead to death for the less advantaged populations.

Lesotho High School
Lesotho



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Thierry Munezero Iradukunda



What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am most excited about joining UGHE because it provides a unique and supportive learning environment that fosters both academic and personal growth. Studying is beneficial, but studying in an optimum environment is exceptional. Achieving your full potential requires a supportive environment in every aspect. UGHE offers this by providing access to top-tier educators and fostering a strong sense of community. This collaborative atmosphere supports both personal and professional growth.

Overall, UGHE's comprehensive approach to medical education makes it the perfect place to pursue my studies and reach my peak potential.

What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

The high cost of medical procedures remains a major issue, causing people to die from curable diseases. Medical experts possess the ability to treat complex diseases, yet access to these services is often determined by an individual's financial capacity. UGHE envisions a transformative approach to healthcare, where services are provided regardless of economic background. This approach is crucial for curing patients and reducing mortality rates, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent access to life-saving treatments.

**Petit Seminaire Saint Jean Paul
II Gikongoro
Rwanda**



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What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I'm excited about joining the University of Global Health Equity due to its mission and values, which deeply resonate with me. UGHE's dedication to training a new cohort of global health leaders to navigate the complexities of healthcare with a focus on equity and sustainability mirrors my personal convictions and aspirations. Also, I believe UGHE's rich curriculum, world-class faculty, and state-of-the-art campus present the ideal opportunity for me to realise my dream of becoming a global health leader delegated to promote health equity and improve the living conditions of especially rural Liberians.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

One of the most critical challenges that healthcare faces is the prevalence of infectious diseases. In many developing countries, factors such as poor sanitation practices, limited access to clean water sources, and inadequate healthcare systems create an environment conducive to the spread of illnesses like tuberculosis and malaria. These diseases impact vulnerable populations in remote areas where medical resources are scarce. Addressing this requires a multifaceted approach, including improved sanitation, expanded access to clean water, and stronger healthcare systems.

Alexandria A Andrews
Academy
Liberia





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

UGHE offers a range of exciting opportunities, from healthcare focused on public well-being to the diversity of its student body. I look forward to learning from various perspectives as I embark on the journey toward the medical career I have always dreamed of.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

The use of outdated technology and the low level of technological advancement in developing nations are contributing factors to the rise of various diseases among younger generations, diseases that were once predominantly seen in adults, such as colorectal cancer and stress.

**Ecole des Sciences de Musanze
Rwanda**





What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Growing in a rural area where access to healthcare facilities was limited, my journey to joining UGHE is deeply rooted in my firsthand experiences witnessing the challenges faced by underserved communities.

The UGHE's commitment to addressing health disparities and advocating for marginalized communities resonates deeply with my own experiences.

Its Innovative curriculum blends medical sciences with social justice, empowering students to attack complex health challenges.

Joining UGHE provides me with the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills and resources necessary to make a meaningful change in the lives of those who are often overlooked or marginalized.



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

I believe one of the most pressing issues in healthcare today is access to quality healthcare services especially for the underserved and marginalized populations. This is mainly disparities in healthcare access due to factors like socioeconomic status, race, geographical location or other.

Addressing this issue requires health care providers to be advocates for the underserved and marginalized populations in order to ensure that each and everyone receives the help and support for their wellbeing.

Groupe Scolaire Saint Joseph
Kabgayi
Rwanda



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What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

The most thing I am excited in joining UGHE is meeting different professional doctors and my fellow MBBS students as I see this as opportunity of learning from them, and being inspired by them towards making great use my talents and potential to enhance the health sector in our communities. Not only in Rwanda but the whole of Africa and beyond. I also can not wait to see the beautiful view of Butaro campus and living in good learning environment .



What do you think is the most pressing issue in healthcare?

From my point of view, the most pressing issue in healthcare is the delay in the patients's awareness of the disease, especially non-communicable diseases. I have seen many people struggling with illness for years without knowing the root cause of their illness or the disease they are suffering from, and The saddest thing is that the victims mainly become aware of the disease they are suffering at a later stage when the disease can no longer be treated, and the patients lost their lives. This is mainly due to the unavailability of quality healthcare services.

**G.S Sainte Bernadette Save
Rwanda**





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