Student Resource 8.7

Launch Letter: Global Health Summit

From: International Health Summit Expert Panel

To: AOHS, Global Health Students

Subject: Call for Proposals

Dear Students,

As representatives of major global health organizations, we are writing with a special invitation. We are organizing an international summit to address the most pressing health issues the people on our planet face today. The summit will be attended by leading medical doctors, public health strategists, politicians and government officials, academic researchers, funders, and NGO directors.

At the summit, we will hone in on a few of the global health issues that are most in need of our attention and work over the next five years. Here’s where you come in. We would like you to tell us which global health issue you think is worthy of being a focus of our summit. This task will not be simple. As we all know, there are many important issues that affect millions of people around the globe. We have confidence that your thoughtful, well-researched choice will help us make a decision that leads to significant improvements in the future of global health.

Here is what we will need from you. We would like you to choose an issue and create a persuasive presentation that you will deliver to both our expert panel and people from your own community. The presentation gives us an in-depth description of the issue that you choose. We would also like you to identify a geographic region that is particularly affected by the issue and describe the determinants and impacts of the issue from both individual and societal perspectives. We would also be interested in learning about interventions that have been, or could be, successful at addressing the issue. Most importantly, we want you to convince us that the issue you choose is worthy of being a focus of our summit.

Your teacher will provide you with a project overview that outlines the details of the project and explains what you should expect. Thank you for participating in this process, and we look forward to seeing your work.

Best regards,

Expert Panel at the International Health Summit