



## **Climate and Health Fellowship**

### **Overview:**

Responses to the climate emergency that do not prioritise public health, social rights and justice threaten to damage communities, reaffirm existing structural and geographical inequities. While Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13 emphasises the urgency to take “action to combat climate change and its impacts”, inaction threatens achievement of all the Sustainable Development Goals. The imperative for action is clear from each and every perspective: moral, ethical, environmental, economic, social and justice. There is a need for public health and healthcare professionals to be prepared to address the climate emergency.

The Association Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) envisions that all public health and wider health workforce recognize the importance of integrating the climate conversation in education and practice. Building climate-health literacy and capacity is focused on the importance of training competent public health professionals ready to prevent, reduce, and respond to the health impacts of climate change.

To achieve this vision, ASPHER created the Climate-Health fellowship, to empower a highly motivated early career public health professional passionate about issues of climate and health to take a leading role on the direction of ASPHER’s Climate and Health agenda to build capacity, identify competencies, and work together with ASPHER Members and partners to develop education and training for public health professionals to confront the gravity of the twin crises of climate and health, the urgency of the threat, awareness about what can be done and the skills to work in their respective fields and within interdisciplinary collaborations. The ASPHER Fellowship Programme aims to support and help build true young public health leaders. Having received training at the schools of public health and identified with the public health community, this would further empower them to participate fully in the professional (academic and practice) happenings in their respective fields of interest. It will assist them in fulfilling their greater vision to develop and progress in their career, as it relates to public health practice and research.

With close mentorship from the ASPHER Climate-Health Lead (Prof.. Laurent Chambaud), ASPHER secretariat, ASPHER Climate and Health working group, the fellow will become deeply involved with all activities of the ASPHER Climate-Health agenda, contribute to projects as well as support the ASPHER Young Professionals Programme.

## **Fellowship Objectives:**

- Gain practical experience of Public Health field with the target to discover a niche to build expertise in the field, specifically gaining an understanding of the complex relationships between climate change and health and how the health sector can respond proactively to protect individuals and communities.
- Demonstrate competence in effective climate and health communication to different audiences.
- Gain insight to effectively build strategic partnerships, governance and leadership skills for health programmatic development within the academic, public, and private sectors.
- Work on or lead projects and research (possible) related to climate and health in host member schools.
- Receive mentoring and supervision by both ASPHER Secretariat and ASPHER member school.

## **Fellowship Role and Responsibilities (10 hrs/week):**

- 40% Service & Administrative
  - Monitor email requests related to climate-health
  - Initiative adhoc meetings with ASPHER Climate-Health Lead
  - Host monthly meetings with ASPHER C&H Working Group
    - Maintain minutes, calendar invites, email lists/requests
  - Attend partnership meetings with IANPHI Climate Working Group, Planetary Health Hub Alliance, WFPHA Environment Health Working Group, and additional meetings as required
  - Bi-weekly meeting with project-based meetings (i.e. Climate-Health Observatory, GCCHE)
  - Submit monthly newsletter updates to ASPHER Secretariat
  - Develop a sub-working group with the ASPHER YPs interested in climate-health
    - Provide mentorship, access, and tools for success
  - Support development of communication materials
- 30% Research, Practice (Advocacy), Education
  - Monitor and support activities through the EU Health Policy Platform
    - Support call for actions, and continue updating the Climate-Health Working Group
  - Support preparation and ASPHER Agenda for the COP meetings
    - Support the follow-up, communication, coordination, and agenda for COP each year
  - Disseminate ASPHER Climate-Health Projects through peer-reviewed publications and knowledge translation activities (such as infographics)
  - Support the alignment of ASPHER Working Group, including the core curriculum
  - Support the formal agreement with ASPHER and additional partners for research, practice, and education development
  - Develop and update competencies and curriculum for climate-health across Europe
- 30% Personal Research

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Experience working on and passion for the topic of climate change and health; with particular attention to education and training, competencies, professionalisation and capacity building.
- Early career public health professionals affiliated with or recently graduated from ASPHER Member institutions.
- Available to start in Autumn 2024 with a minimum one-year commitment.

### Submission Instructions:

- **Applications open on 02 July and close on 02 August at 23:59 CEST.**
- **Fill the application form at <https://forms.gle/oysZEacNPL4u1idy9>.**
- **Be prepared to answer in up to 500 words:** *Why are you passionate about addressing the impact of climate change on health and how do you envision it impacting your career path? A focus of the ASPHER Climate-Health Fellowship will be an interdisciplinary, collaborative research project in the European Region to build capacity in Climate and Health. Describe a project you are interested in conducting. Identify the project's novelty, its objectives, proposed methods, and outputs.*
- **Submit your CV to [lore.leighton@aspher.org](mailto:lore.leighton@aspher.org).**
- If you have any questions, please email [tara.chen@aspher.org](mailto:tara.chen@aspher.org).