

Transglobal Health
International Doctorate in Transdisciplinary Global Health Solutions

Duration: 36 months

Course description:

Background There is a pressing need for a new generation of global health scientists with the will, skills and resources to contribute to the solution of increasingly complex global health problems. Transdisciplinary approaches are needed to fully understand complex global health problems in which multiple stakeholders (communities, companies, governments, etc.), health determinants (pathogens, lifestyles, health systems, etc.) and intervention methods (biomedical, social, political, etc.) all contribute to the development of effective solutions. The TransGlobe consortium's unique joint PhD programme in Global Health answers this need.

The consortium consists of leading global health institutes – six European full partners and ten associate partners in third countries. Together, their expertise covers all domains of the global health arena and the breadth of inter-and transdisciplinary research practice. The TransGlobe doctorate programme Three or four global health themes are selected by the consortium each year in collaboration with non-academic organisations. Two or three PhD projects will then be formulated for each theme which optimally build on the expertise of consortium partners and which reinforce one another in addressing the problem at hand. These projects are published in the call for proposals and announced globally.

The programme is open to nine students per year from both European and third countries. Two or three PhD students jointly work on one of the three/four themes selected for that year. The 3-year doctorate begins with taught courses on inter-/transdisciplinary research methods. Each PhD project will integrate knowledge from different scientific fields as well as from professionals and communities on the ground, allowing candidates to make unique, high quality contributions to addressing a specific global health problem. As a unique feature, each PhD student is linked to two or three non-academic organisations to ensure that their projects addresses actual needs of society and practitioners. The PhD projects will help integrate the production of global health knowledge in Europe across institutions and lead to publications in high-impact, peer-reviewed international journals. TransGlobe graduates will be in high demand in the many professional and research areas of global health.

Website: <http://www.transglobalhealth.eu>

Partners:

VU UNIVERSITY AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (Co-ordinating Institution)
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