



## **2022 Preceptorship Program – Sub-Saharan Africa Request for Applications**

### **Background**

Mayo Clinic is a global leader in medical care, research, and education, with a long history of sharing expertise with, and learning from, colleagues around the world. The Mayo Clinic Cancer Center (MCCC) involves more than 360 physicians and scientists from 43 departments across three geographic locations—a truly multidisciplinary program where complex challenges are assessed from myriad viewpoints and across the full spectrum of cancer research. MCCC is dedicated to understanding the biology of cancer, to discovering new ways to predict, prevent, diagnose, and treat cancer, and to transforming the quality of life for cancer patients today and in the future. The Center provides diagnostic and therapeutic expertise for virtually every type of human malignancy, and in addition, provides support for cancer-focused basic science and population science research programs with a strong interdisciplinary and translational approach. Total patient visits to MCCC exceed 135,000 annually, including visits for chemotherapy, radiation therapy and surgical oncology procedures.

In recent years, Mayo Clinic’s Global Bridges Oncology (GBO) program has successfully hosted international clinical visitors at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, USA, to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To observe and learn the functioning of multidisciplinary oncology teams at Mayo Clinic
2. To participate in multi-disciplinary tumor boards and clinics
3. To review effective and critical elements in the development and expansion of multidisciplinary teams, including team structures, culture, leadership, and context

Based on positive feedback and generous funding from Pfizer Global Medical Grants, Global Bridges Oncology is pleased to offer cancer centers from Sub-Saharan Africa the opportunity to nominate multidisciplinary travel teams, involved in cancer patient care, to participate in a preceptorship experience in 2022.

### **Program Description**

The overall objective of the 2022 preceptorship program is to develop clinical capacity for teams of healthcare providers from Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) in all facets of cancer care from diagnostics to therapeutics. The program offers observational training in a wide variety of oncology disciplines, promoting competent and effective multi-disciplinary teamwork necessary to handle the most common cancers in the region. Longer term, it is desirable that the training

received at Mayo Clinic will have a sustainable impact on improving cancer patient outcomes at the home institution and, ideally, the region.

Cancer care organizations located in sub-Saharan Africa are invited to nominate a multidisciplinary team to participate, using the application format provided in Appendix A. Team members may be inclusive of a range of disciplines and experience levels, but all must be currently engaged in cancer care. Participant teams will be selected by an expert review panel. The observership experience will be tailored to fit the needs of the selected institution(s), home country/region, and professionals within the travel team, as described in the application. In general, the 2-week visit to Mayo Clinic will include clinical observation in a variety of cancer disciplines and one-on-one and/or small-group faculty instruction and didactic learning to increase the knowledge and competency in cancer care. The GBO Faculty will meet with the trainees to provide overall guidance, monitor the quality of the program, and jointly develop a plan for knowledge sharing upon the travel team's return to their home country. Each member of the travel team will receive a Certificate upon completion of their onsite training at Mayo Clinic.

### **Eligibility**

Applicant institutions must have their principal site of operations in the Sub-Saharan Africa region, and be engaged in diagnosis and/or treatment of cancer patients. Examples of eligible institutions include cancer clinics, hospitals, universities, and cancer care centers. **Individuals may not apply for inclusion in this program.**

Each applicant institution will identify a travel team comprised of 3 health professionals, based on institutional and regional needs. Each member of the travel team must have completed medical training and be currently involved in cancer patient management, either directly or as part of an allied health staff. Past participants of the program have included medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgeons, radiologists, pathologists, nurses, medical physicists, biostatisticians, and other technologists, both in senior and junior positions.

### **Requirements**

Applications will be evaluated based on the institution's involvement and level of commitment to cancer care, institutional goals and vision, level of experience and potential local and regional impact and alignment with Mayo Clinic institutional goals and available expertise.

All reasonable costs of travel will be covered by Mayo Clinic. The chosen institution(s) will be responsible for arranging travel through Mayo's travel agency, within specified parameters, from the home country to Rochester, Minnesota, and returning to the home country after the program. Lodging in Rochester, MN will be secured by Mayo Clinic for the duration of the stay.

### Key Dates

- Applications must be received by Global Bridges no later than 5pm U.S. Central Daylight time on **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**.
- A pre-application webinar to address questions will be held on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9am US Central Daylight Time. **Register for the webinar using this [LINK](#).**
- All applicants will be notified of their application status in July 2022.
- Visits to Mayo Clinic are expected to take place in or before October 2022.

### How to Submit

- Develop your application following the guidelines in Appendix A, below.
- Log into the application portal using this [LINK](#)
- Upload your finished application (pdf format) to the application portal

### Application Submission Contacts

If you have questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Miranda Rank at [rank.miranda@mayo.edu](mailto:rank.miranda@mayo.edu).

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## Appendix A

### Global Bridges Oncology Preceptorship Program RFA Submission Requirements

Applications should be single-spaced using Calibri 12-point font and 1-inch margins. **Note there is a 6-page limit** exclusive of team member CVs and letters of support. You will upload your completed application, in pdf format, to the application portal (see link in RFA).

Please include the following sections:

Name and location of home institution													
Key Contact	Name, title, and contact details of person submitting application on behalf of institution												
Institutional Objectives (1-4 paragraphs)	Summarize the key objectives you expect <u>your institution</u> to achieve through participation in the preceptorship program at Mayo Clinic.												
Institutional Overview and Needs Assessment (1-2 pages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a brief overview of your institution’s current cancer care capacity. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A brief overview of cancer diagnostics</li> <li>○ A brief overview of available cancer therapeutics</li> <li>○ A general overview of the patients and most common cancers your center manages</li> <li>○ A brief overview of your short-term and long-term vision for your center</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Briefly identify gaps that could be addressed by participation in this program.</li> </ul>												
Travel Team (1-2 pages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List the members of your proposed multidisciplinary travel team: <table border="1" data-bbox="573 1373 1414 1524"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" data-bbox="573 1373 1135 1413">Full name of traveler</th> <th data-bbox="1135 1373 1414 1413">Primary expertise</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="573 1413 618 1453">1</td> <td data-bbox="618 1413 1135 1453"></td> <td data-bbox="1135 1413 1414 1453"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="573 1453 618 1493">2</td> <td data-bbox="618 1453 1135 1493"></td> <td data-bbox="1135 1453 1414 1493"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="573 1493 618 1524">3</td> <td data-bbox="618 1493 1135 1524"></td> <td data-bbox="1135 1493 1414 1524"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </li> <li>• Include, as separate uploads, a current Curriculum Vitae for each member of the proposed travel team.</li> <li>• Describe the expertise and backgrounds of the multidisciplinary cancer care team you recommend travelling to Mayo Clinic.</li> <li>• Identify learning objectives for the team, collectively and individually.</li> </ul>	Full name of traveler		Primary expertise	1			2			3		
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Institutional Commitment and Sustainability (1 page)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe how your institution will support the application and dissemination of learning when the travel team returns.</li> </ul>												

<b>Budget Detail</b>	<b>No funds will be transferred directly to the organizations awarded through this competitive program.</b>
<b>Additional Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attach, as separate uploads, letters of support from each participating department in the home institution (i.e., departments of each member of the travel team)</li></ul>