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

Class of 2029
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 2029 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

QUICK STATS ABOUT
MBBS/MGHD '29

➢ 1589 Applicants
➢ 3.02% Acceptance Rate
➢ 8 Countries Represented
➢ 48 Students
➢ 31 Female
➢ 17 Male
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

UGHE teaches and trains Global health leaders how to practice equity and equality irrespective of region, tribes etc.

The cultural bridging and the relationship of people from different countries moves me, as I believe in making new friends and learning different things from different people.

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

The most pressing issue in my Country and even the globe at large is increase in maternal and infant mortality and morbidity rate. As a result of inaccessibility, affordability and lack of health personnel to carry out the health activities.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I’m excited about how UGHE is going to help me achieve my goals by making me an important person who brings good change in her society and also a person who performs everything which is needed to save people’s lives. I’m also excited about getting more knowledge on how we can deliver high quality healthcare and how we can promote equity in health care.

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

I think it is about improving healthcare quality and also reducing healthcare staffing shortage. If something is of a high quality it becomes important to those who use it, so an increase in healthcare quality will also make everything easier and more important to those who receive it.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Joining the MBBS/MGH program at UGHE is exciting if I am going to work with a world-class faculty, classmates of several nationalities, experts in various professions and community members to tackle problems in healthcare delivery all over the world. I will be acquiring practical skills and I am happy that I will be involved in community learning.

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

Healthcare is challenged by a lot of factors, but I consider the most pressing one to be the lack of equitable healthcare delivery. This leads to inequitable distribution of physicians and specialists across the country, lack of medical equipment in rural and remote areas, and lack of funding.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Being a part of the University of Global Health Equity is an honor; for me, it fulfills my desire to make a difference in people's lives. I’m more motivated to become a doctor and a global health leader because of UGHE's ambition to fundamentally alter the way healthcare is provided.

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

The most alarming and cruel problem is injustice in the medical field. People from disadvantaged backgrounds are often overlooked in our culture, and health regulations only benefit those from wealthy social classes.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am heading to become a doctor and the fact that I am UGHE I feel like it’s what I want the thing which excited me to join UGHE their ways of delivering lesson and accommodate me in everything I will need in my studies that’s remove the relief on me. I am looking forward to joining UGHE to meet different people from different countries.

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

The most pressing issue is lack of enough services in public health centers where a patient go to a health center and lack someone to welcome them and give the services they deserve.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Honestly, UGHE has been a dream school for me ever since my chemistry teacher started talking about a medical school in Burera. Everything about the university seemed surreal, from the diversity, the location, the study methods, the community without forgetting the scholarship itself.

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

I can't find myself choosing from the issues that seem most dire to me in health care today: High cost of health care delivery, the lack of equity in health care delivery and the shortage of public health workforce shortage.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am absolutely thrilled to have been accepted to a prestigious university! This is a dream come true for me and I couldn’t be more excited about this incredible opportunity. I can’t wait to immerse myself in the culture and community of this top-notch institution, and to learn from some of the brightest minds in the world. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime chance to pursue my academic and professional goals.

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

The rising costs of healthcare services in Africa and the World at large is a pressing concern today. The cost of medical treatments, drugs, and hospitalization has skyrocketed in recent years, making healthcare unaffordable for many people.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am mostly excited about exploring the opportunities, training, and other advice under the guidance of different UGHE staff to become the better version of the leader and health professional they envision me to be. Thus, along the way I realized my own dream of helping different people through the provision of medical services available to all.

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

I think the most pressing issues in health care today would be different chronic diseases like cancer, heart diseases, respiratory diseases that are affecting a wide range of people in all ages around the globe, but more importantly small children that are yet to have these kinds of diseases.
Christa Tona

What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am excited about the idea of meeting new people. I don’t know but I have got this feeling that everyone is going to be of great help as I learn a lot from them such as improving my critical thinking skills. But mostly, I’m excited with the idea of having my dream come true every day.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

Health care services have been improved significantly these past years. But there should be more to be done such as distributing healthcare providers evenly in less developed areas.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

To be honest, I am mostly excited yet nervous about the diverse environment at UGHE. I have always enjoyed people watching so it will be quite amazing how diverse the environment will be, consisting of people with various cultures and norms among others.

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

I find the most pressing issue in healthcare today to be mental health as it affects the biggest part of our overall health even though most people are yet to acknowledge it.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

All of my life childhood days, I dreamt of joining of becoming a medical doctor. Receiving an email saying that I was admitted into the "Harvard of Africa" as I call it was a dream come true. The most exciting thing about joining UGHE is that I am about to accomplish my dreams of becoming a medical Doctor, and not just that I am also going to be a Global Health Leader.

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

I think the most pressing issue in healthcare today is, people that are not financially strong or people that do not have enough or no money have access to little or no good healthcare. Health services should not be based on your financial or political status.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am most looking forward to meeting a diverse community because it will be my first opportunity to get to know many people from many nations throughout the world. In addition, I am eager to learn from the top professors who, in my opinion, foster a positive learning environment and encourage their students to reach their maximum potential.

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

The accessibility of medical facilities in rural locations is one of the challenges in providing health care. Even if you look carefully, rural areas are places that are prone to diseases because of a lack of clean water and other hygiene facilities.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

The idea of being in a community striving to provide proper healthcare to patients regardless of their financial status alone sounds intriguing so I'm excited to meet the great people who find the world's ways unfair in health and medical terms and are willing to make a change. The great part is being part of that community.

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

I think the most pressing issue in healthcare today is health inequity. This is seen in many hospitals or health centers whereby the poor are not taken care of in a proper way while the well-off patients are properly cared for.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am incredibly excited to join UGHE for various reasons. While my friends were focused on applying to schools worldwide for the best education, I realized that even UGHE provides an exceptional quality of education right here in Rwanda. Then, when considering the best education options, UGHE became my immediate choice.

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

The scarcity of qualified healthcare practitioners, particularly doctors, to cater to the needs of the Rwandan population. This issue is further compounded by the lack of healthcare facilities, especially in rural areas, and the low commitment of young people to study medicine.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

As a new student in the community of UGHE, I am most excited about the great learning environment and getting to know more people throughout the process as UGHE welcomes students from different countries with diverse cultures.

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

In Rwanda there is a problem of shortage of doctors in health sector, whereby a single doctor treat more than enough patients per day and this causes inefficient in-service delivery in health sector of Rwanda.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am kindly excited to join UGHE as it is going to help me to reach the journal of life I was wondering to be. I am excited about how UGHE gives all people regardless of their backgrounds.

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

There are many challenges in healthcare and mostly these challenges are in rural areas. The most challenge which occurs in Rwanda is that there are few physicians, and this can affect health care delivery.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Going into the medical field has always been my dream, and I am most excited to be joining the UGHE for so many reasons some of which will be listed below. The main and most essential reason I am thrilled to be joining the UGHE is mostly because of their belief and principle in which they believe in, which is equality.

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

How to reduce maternal and infant mortality in Africa is because of weak healthcare programs and institutions. How to reach the targeted timeline for Universal Health Coverage in 2030 in most African countries.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

As I navigate on to the next chapter of my life, I’m excited to find a diverse environment in which I can explore various aspects of different cultures at UGHE that interest me while simultaneously exposing my culture’s aspects. Fortunately, cultural days will induce that.

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

Poverty devastates people’s well-being in many aspects, including health. The costs of health services are too expensive to be afforded. Fortunately, governments like the Rwandan one strives to avail these services to citizens at a low cost through "Mutuelle de Santé."
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I want to fit in their learning method as a medical student because I heard medical students don’t have any leisure time I want to know how UGHE is balancing but not hindering its vision.

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

Healthcare is not rich enough to be able to handle every pandemic diseases that erose because I saw that those pandemic are challenging healthcare to be able to copy with them and also healthcare of some chronic diseases is expensive.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

What excites me the most about joining UGHE is that I will be able to meet colleagues from different countries, get to know their culture and most of all get to connect with them. Additionally, I look forward to gaining skills and knowledge and becoming an active citizen in a global community.

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

I believe the high cost of health care to be the most pressing issue today. Some drugs are expensive and hospitals which give the best health care are not affordable for all which makes it hard for people to get access to the best health care.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I’m looking forward to meeting intellectuals from different parts of the world. I would like to learn medicine from one of the best medical facilities in the region. And when I go back to where I come from, I hope to go back to speaking Kinyarwanda, and most importantly deliver quality health care services without bias.

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

Low uptake of primary healthcare services. Due to misconceptions, insufficient information, fear and traditional practices, sometimes attitude of health care workers causes people to choose not to receive essential health services such as vaccines.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Joining UGHE means a lot as I will be able to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to tackle the issues of health equity. In addition, I am excited by the diversity of students and faculty members which will help me to understand the significance of unity in diversity and equity in global health delivery through academic exchange and in daily interaction in the community.

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

In my opinion, the most pressing issue in healthcare today is the rising incidences of non-communicable diseases such as cancers and the limited number of specialists, especially in rural communities.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

What excites me the most about joining UGHE is the prospect of being amongst a diverse community, all united in the goal of improving global health delivery and increasing healthcare accessibility to the underprivileged. Most importantly, I am thrilled to be able to contribute to the meaningful work of a rapidly expanding organization that is actively making a tangible impact in the world.

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

There are many pressing issues in healthcare today, but I believe that the most pressing issue is access to affordable healthcare, especially in Africa.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

The part that incredibly excites me the most about joining UGHE is the people. I am lucky to have diversity in my cohort and even in UGHE. The university’s representation of over 15 countries is inspiring. Nonetheless, despite our different backgrounds, we share a common goal.

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

The most pressing issue in the healthcare system today is the severe lack of access to quality healthcare services that particularly "poor" people face. There is no timely and appropriate medical care for those who gather the courage to go to the hospital.
Kelia Umutoni

What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am most excited about learning how to offer equity-based healthcare services in a diverse and multicultural community and I am more than eager to get involved in activities meant to help the community I live in as per organized by the university.

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

While I hope to do extensive research on the possibility of curing cancer, I have grown to know one big problem: injustice in health. Our systems view health as a service one gets if one can pay. But what about those who can't afford it? What about those who can't afford chemotherapy?
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

One of the things I’ve always wanted to experience is living in a diverse community, with UGHE having students from all over Africa and staff from all around the world. I am sure I’ll love it there. I can’t wait to live in the hilly part of Rwanda too; the green nature and the amazing view around the school is something that excites me a lot.

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

Limited health care access is a particularly pressing issue in healthcare today, as it has a direct impact on people’s health. When people don’t have access to basic healthcare services, they are more likely to suffer from preventable illnesses and complications.
Marie Bonne Curie Nsanzimana

What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Am excited to be in a dream come true platform starting from UGHE ‘s commitment to help her students glow as global health leaders and more.

Groupe Scolaire Sainte Bernadette
Rwanda

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

They are a-lot to me but top of the list comes the access to care and the fact that some people have access and beautifully served while others aren’t accessing it or harshly treated.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

On joining UGHE, I am looking forward to embarking on the journey towards a significant global cause. I hope to attain attitudes, skills, knowledge and people from all across the world with various medical perspectives and experiences.

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

The prevailing challenge in healthcare nowadays is the shortage of qualified health professionals and equipment’s among large number of vulnerable rural communities in different parts of the globe.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Firstly, I am excited about being taught by UGHE experienced, heterogeneous and diverse lectures and more learning aids to be used to become a doctor. Secondly, I am excited about sharing classes with intelligent and determined students from all corners around the world.

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

The most pressing issue in healthcare today is that the cost is high, as most patients cannot afford to pay for medical fees as a result patients are skipping medication. The other issue is about scarcity of healthcare providers like nurses and Doctors to serve community.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

The excitement in joining UGHE stems from the love and service for the community that is a major part of the school’s vision. I believe that this enables the community to feel like a part of the school located in their area. Also, the community gains health care, education etc., and this makes people generally happy.

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

Treating cancer patients is still a major problem in developing countries. For example, in my country Lesotho. There is no single hospital that aids in chemotherapy. Patients must be transferred to South Africa for treatment at a high cost.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

UGHE is a diverse community having people from every corner of the world. Living in such a community facilitates a lot of learning about different perspectives of the cultures of the people. Joining UGHE is going to boost my knowledge in the medical sector and also expose me to the different communities where UGHE is represented.

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

Different communities have different pressing issues but, in my community, it is mostly a lack of public sensitization and unskilled medical personnel. Public sensitization about health-related issues is very important as it plays a very big role in preventing diseases.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I’m so excited to learn in a diverse community with different cultures and getting to experience university life!

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

I think the most pressing issue in healthcare today is a few numbers of doctors mainly in public hospitals where there are so many patients but very few doctors so patients are not taken good care of as they should be.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

The most exciting thing about joining UGHE is all, it is a dream come true and the great adventure that we are going to meet so that we can all be productive and supportive to the world. I cannot wait to start this challenging but worthwhile journey to becoming a doctor. No words can explain how excited I am because I have been working hard and praying to get admitted into UGHE but so far so good.

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

The most pressing issue in healthcare today is the shortage of healthcare professionals and rising costs of care leading to worsening health and low life expectancy. In developing countries, there are difficulties in finding efficient good doctors to satisfy patients.
Noella Irankunda

What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

Studying and being successful in life plus bringing a positive impact in UGHE plus the extracurricular activities in UGHE too and the place at large.

Kagarama Secondary School
Burundi

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

People fear to go to the hospital because of the lack of money but also, they need to have the knowledge about the good fact of going to cure themselves in the hospital.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I’m most excited about being in a new environment surrounded by people from different backgrounds. I’m keen to make new friends. I’m also keen to begin my journey to become a medical doctor and find out how to tackle new academically related challenges while learning how to work with others as a team.

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

I think the most pressing issue in healthcare today is the shortage of healthcare workers. There are plenty of people around the world in need of medical attention and not enough healthcare workers to aid them.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

One thing that excites me about UGHE is its mission to serve the underserved population, so I am excited to be part of that community and meet my colleagues who share that same goal.

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

I think that the most pressing issue in healthcare is its accessibility to all people and lack of medical equipment for diagnosis.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

The thing that makes me happy most is that UGHE is going to help me to pursue my career in the health sector and help me to build myself, community, country as well as the world.

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

Nowadays, in different parts of the world many people died due to lack of medicine. The cost of medicine and health is the most pressing issue in the healthcare field as people struggle with poverty and lack of money.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I was in sky the day I’ve heard that I was allowed to join extraordinary, unruffled and charming place in northern province of Rwanda, admission in University of Global Health Equity, UGHE, which has a wide range of exciting things including good environment that mostly excited me.

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

Even while healthcare has improved in recent decades, there are still significant challenges, the most serious of which is access to healthcare due to financial constraints, a lack of infrastructure in rural areas, or discrepancies in healthcare delivery.
Queen Igihozo

What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am thrilled to join UGHE, as it represents the fulfillment of my lifelong aspirations to make a meaningful impact on people’s lives. With a deep passion for healthcare, I believe medicine is the perfect path to achieve this. UGHE’s dedication to personal growth and comprehensive understanding of my goals excites me greatly.

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

The healthcare field grapples with pressing issues requiring immediate attention. Foremost among these challenges is addressing healthcare disparities and ensuring equitable access to quality care for all. Rising costs and limited affordability further burden patients and healthcare systems globally.
Why do you want to become a doctor?

Actually, pursuing Medicine in a well-equipped, advanced and high technology university, where all the theory learnt in class can be applied to the technological equipment to me it’s like a dream becoming a reality.

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

“Women in Chad have a lifetime risk of maternal death of one in sixteen, whereas women in Sweden have a risk of one in ten thousand.” As far as world health organization’s records are approached; basically, that would be one of a few highlights that specifies health inequity.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am most excited about meeting new people from diverse backgrounds. I am excited to be taught by global health leaders and professionals. I am also thrilled to explore the rotations and learn about this new academic schedule.

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

I think Poverty and Depression are the dominant cases in healthcare today. Poverty why? Poverty is the root cause of major diseases in Africa and globally and not only is it a cause but also a setback and a hindrance in terms of taking medicine properly as prescribed, for those who have at least got a chance to access healthcare services.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

When I got the message that I was admitted to UGHE I was super excited cause I feel like it was a step closer to my dreams of becoming a doctor as I was admitted to a best and capable university which will help me become a capable doctor as it has been my dreams.

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

Healthcare today has pressing issues which need to be solved and those issues are the high cost of health care, stuff shortage and long distance to hospitals.
In my opinion, there are not enough hospitals, especially in rural areas.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I will be happy to achieve my goal of promoting equitable health care services to people in my community due to excellency.

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

Most poor patients are not cared for and eventually suffer deaths and there are insufficient health professionals to provide quality health services to people.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I am excited about the small size of the classes as that allows for improved interaction with the instructors. I am also interested in the diversity of cultures on campus - not just the students but also the lecturers. My intention is to learn more about the new cultures. It is my first time leaving my home country, so this is both a trip and study experience for me.

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

I think limited access to quality healthcare is the most pressing issue in healthcare today. This is due to many factors including poor transport to healthcare, inadequate medical personnel, limited medical supplies and poor government policy.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

I grew up seeing a lot of people suffer because of lack of sufficient doctors and face inequities when health services are being provided. I find that UGHE will help me solve these problems due to what I’ve learned about the university’s goals to ensure health equity globally. I feel that this university will help me become the neurosurgeon I always wanted to be.

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

I think that one of the pressing issues in the world is health financing. Although we can see that a lot of money is being invested in health care, it is still not enough to the growing population and high cost of drugs, making health financing one of the main drivers of health inequities.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

A community of great and humble minds is what I see UGHE to be. I cannot wait to be part of a community that will not only offer me an excellent education but will also transform me into a person of integrity and community. I love the fact that UGHE is a school of equity and trains equitable global leaders but with a thorough understanding of their homeland.

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

Quality health services are most of the time given to people who have the financial means to pay for them and this restricts these quality health services and medications to one population, which I think should not be the case.
What are you most excited about joining UGHE?

As I start higher education at UGHE, I’m mostly excited about meeting new people and students from all over the world and get to learn more about their culture and values and be able to showcase my Rwandan culture as well. I think it’s amazing to be surrounded by peers who have the same passions and aspirations in life, and I look forward to it.

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

In my opinion, the most pressing issue in healthcare is a shortage of healthcare providers. While WHO recommends that there should be "one physician per 1000 people" for a healthy population, the Rwandan government has not yet even reached "one physician per 7000 people".

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