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**Ignite Award Fellowship Opportunity
Application due July 2nd, 2018 5pm ET**

Seeking Innovators and Ideas That Will Create Impact

Who you are: You are an emerging leader in global and/or Indigenous health and a passionate change maker and innovator. You are frustrated by the status quo of health systems in low-resource settings and want to be part of the solution.

We are looking for Ideas to Impact Lab (i2i Lab) Fellows that come from diverse personal and professional backgrounds - we don't have educational requirements or necessary professional experiences. We know that having lived experience gives unique insights into the problems being faced in health systems in low-resource settings and the innovations needed to overcome these barriers. **If you have an innovative idea to overcome a health barrier affecting communities facing a high burden of disease and unequal access to services that you want to test, we want to hear from you.**

What you are proposing: You are proposing piloting a proof-of-concept innovative solution to overcome an entrenched barrier to high quality health systems in low-resource settings. [Dignitas International's Theory of Change](#) can be used as a guiding document that outlines where Dignitas and the i2i Lab have unique value add. By intentionally not restricting applicants to specific content areas or methodologies, we increase the flexibility of this award, ensuring the i2i Lab brings in new ideas and approaches aimed at building resilient health systems and advancing the right to health for marginalized people and underserved communities. Proposals may focus on improving or innovating within the i2i Lab's existing programs sites: Malawi and Canada, or may aim to broaden the i2i Lab's geographical coverage. Applicants should be prepared to join the i2i Lab (virtually or in-person) for a period of 6-18 months.

What we provide - see i2ilab.ca for more details:

- 1) Competitive fellowship stipend and pilot innovation **budget**
- 2) A lead **mentor** and access to global mentorship network
- 3) Opportunity to develop, pilot and validate their innovations in **real-world settings** with target users and systems where Dignitas has existing operational programs, data and physical infrastructure

How to apply

Develop a four-page application:

- a. One-page resume
- b. One-page statement detailing your experiences, skills and motivation to engage in this opportunity. Individuals who identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis or are nationals from the Global South are strongly encouraged to apply.
- c. One-page description of the problem and your innovation concept
- d. One-page 6-18 month innovation implementation calendar (Gantt chart preferred) and high-level budget (max. \$25,000 CAD not including fellowship stipend)

Submit your application as one document titled “Ignite Fellowship Application 2018 LastName” in PDF format to i2ilab@dignitasinternational.org

We will contact shortlisted applicants to discuss their applications and arrange interviews by July 23rd, 2018.

Evaluation Criteria

Shortlisted applications will be reviewed by the i2i Lab’s Scientific and Innovation Committee with the following evaluation criteria:

1. Innovation

- Uniqueness and creativity of proposed idea
- Degree to which the idea contains elements of interdisciplinary programming, research and policy innovation
- Degree to which the idea engages multiple approaches (clinical, entrepreneurial, public health, design and/or policy) to ideation and/or problem solving

2. Impact

- Anticipated impact of the proposed work on achieving strong health systems that deliver quality care for communities facing a high burden of disease and unequal access to services
- Is the path to innovation scale clear and achievable?
- Are the potential impact gains greater than the perceived risk?

3. Merit

- Clarity of proposed idea and objectives
- The feasibility and appropriateness of the proposed innovation
- Likelihood that the proposed innovation can be completed within the time indicated

4. Applicant

- Applicant has the knowledge, skills set, dedication and leadership potential to implement the proposed work