

## Yale-China Association Yale-China Health Fellowship Program at Yale 2023-2024 Fellowship Announcement

### General Introduction

Made possible by a generous grant from the Yale-China Association and the support of Kunming Medical University (KMU) and its affiliated hospitals, the Yale-China Health Fellowship Program seeks to improve the health outcomes of local people through supporting research and interventions in medicine, public health, and nursing by promoting the role of early- to mid-career Chinese women in nursing and other health professions.

Two Yale-China Fellowships at Yale will be awarded for 2023-2024 for candidates from Yunnan. The Yale-China Fellowship has two components: a semester (six months, July 1<sup>st</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023) at Yale, followed by project implementation in Yunnan.

### Program Priorities

There are two distinctive features of the Yale-China Health Fellowship. First, it is aimed at advancing the careers of early- to mid-career women in nursing and other health professions. Second, the Yale-China Fellowship aims to support health projects that are concerned with improving health outcomes of underserved and vulnerable populations in resource-limited communities, through strengthening health services delivery and health systems quality, improving health equity, and addressing emerging health needs in chronic diseases, mental health, pediatrics, geriatrics, women's health, and environmental health. Selection of Yunnan applications will give priority to projects based in rural Yunnan.

### The Fellowship Program

In the first year of the fellowship, Yale-China Fellows will come to Yale for six months, including six weeks in the summer, and the fall semester 2023. While at Yale, each Yale-China Fellow will have the opportunity to study and develop their research proposals under the guidance of Yale faculty. By the end of the six months at Yale, each fellow will submit an application to the Yale University Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the proposed project activities in China that will be conducted upon returning to China, after project approval by the Yale IRB and the fellow's own institution IRB. Yale-China Fellows have up to two years to complete their research projects, with project funding support of up to \$3,000 provided by the fellowship.



## Yale-China Fellowship Candidate Qualifications and Selection Criteria

Only women working in the fields of nursing, public health, and medicine at KMU and its affiliated hospitals are eligible to apply for the program. Following a review of proposals submitted by the candidates, a committee composed of representatives of the Yale-China Association and KMU will invite selected candidates for interviews virtually in early December 2022.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

1. The candidate's academic and professional strength, and preparedness for the Yale-China Fellowship Program.
2. The candidate's professional motivation, training, and experience.
3. Overall assessment of the proposed project according to the following:
  - Quality of the research proposal
  - Feasibility of the research proposal
  - Relevance of the research proposal to program priorities as stated above
4. The availability of an appropriate Yale faculty mentor.
5. The likelihood that the proposed work will continue upon return and support from superiors.
6. The candidate's potential to influence health practice and policy in Yunnan.
7. The candidate's commitment to community services and potential to continue to work in the same priority areas as outlined by the program.
8. The candidate's English ability: Candidates are expected to be able to understand English academic lectures, read academic journals, write effectively and clearly in English, and be comfortable speaking in English about their own professional or research work.

Proposed projects will be judged upon their academic merits and topic, as well as on applicants' likelihood to continue to work in the priority area, beyond completion of the fellowship. Yale-China Fellowship recipients will be announced in January 2023.

## Funding Requirements

One of the fellowships will be funded largely with the generous support of the Yale-China Association. The second fellowship is partly funded through your home institution and partly from the Yale-China Association, which will provide the \$3000 in project funding for the project to be implemented during the two years after your time at Yale. For this partially self-funded fellowship, currently, Yale requires a financial support letter from your institution indicating a monthly minimum salary support of \$3,167 for the duration of your stay at Yale, from July 1st to December 31st.

For ALL applicants, we ask that you provide a letter of support from your institutional leader on the institutional letterhead, indicating their agreement to provide the following funding support for your fellowship at Yale, including (1) round trip travel to the U.S. (including visa related expenses), (2) minimum \$3,167 monthly salary support for six months (\$19,000 total) to cover your health insurance costs, rent, utilities, and living stipend for your U.S. visit, and (3) \$3000 fee to Yale faculty who will serve as your advisor. The letter must indicate that the funding your institution will provide will cover the fellowship appointment period from July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. However, if you are selected for the fully funded fellowship, the Yale-China Association will provide for your stipend, housing, airfare and other fees, and your institution will not need to provide that support.

Institutions must provide proof of funding for fellows to the Yale-China Association prior to arrival at Yale. Yale-China Fellows without full funding secured from their institutions prior to their arrival may

experience a delay in departure, or, in the most extreme cases, selection as a Yale-China Fellow may be rescinded. Only verified institutional support is acceptable; personal funding is not acceptable.

### **Application Process and Timetable**

Application forms and instructions are available at the International Exchange and Cooperation Office at KMU or the Yale-China Office. The 2023-2024 Yale-China Fellowship candidates will be interviewed in early December 2022, with final decisions announced in January 2023, which will allow new fellows ample time to prepare for their studies at Yale the following fall.

### **Required Application Materials**

1. **Yale-China Fellowship Application Form** (1 page)
2. **Research Project Proposal** (4-5 pages)
3. **Curriculum Vitae**
4. **Institutional Support Letter** indicating minimum monthly salary support of \$3,167 for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 (six months), as well as Yale faculty advisor fee of \$3,000, and any visa and travel expenses

Each applicant should submit two copies of the application, one copy to the International Exchange and Cooperation Office at KMU and one copy to the Yale-China Association (via email to [junya.zhu@yale.edu](mailto:junya.zhu@yale.edu)) by **Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Please send your applications to the following emails or contact the following offices if you have questions. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applicants selected for an interview will be notified.

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