

# Call for Applications: Hosting Nagasaki Public Health Consulting Year 2026

Doctor of Public Health Program,  
Interfaculty Initiative in Planetary Health, Nagasaki University

*Nagasaki University is looking for an organization interested in experiencing consulting services by our Doctor of Public Health students. Under the faculty's guidance, the students will address the host organization's public health challenges.*

## **What is Nagasaki Public Health Consulting?**

The Interfaculty Initiative in Planetary Health at Nagasaki University established a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) program in 2022, based on the philosophy of coexistence among human society, the Earth, and the ecosystem. Our DrPH program prepares students as professionals who can bridge science, policy, and practice in public health.<sup>1</sup>

DrPH students are required to be engaged in a practical course named “Nagasaki Public Health Consulting.” In this course, 5 doctoral students will form a team to work with a host organization, such as an international organization, government agency, NGO, or private company. As a group of public health experts, they work together to solve challenges faced by the host organization. After a desk review in Nagasaki from April to July 2026, the team will conduct an on-site consultation for three weeks in September 2026 and compile a report. Through this training, students will apply acquired knowledge in tackling health policy issues and skills such as negotiation and teamwork with the host organization and others.

We welcome different ideas from a variety of organizations.

## **What are the benefits for the host organization?**

DrPH students are skilled professionals with diverse backgrounds in public health. As external consultants, they will make intellectual contributions that are different from a typical internship. The host organization can use this collaborative opportunity, for example, in the following ways:

- To analyze public health issues in a country/region and use this analysis to develop new project proposals.
- To deepen understanding of the problems faced by the host organization and propose potential solutions.
- To evaluate strategies, progress, or outcomes of the ongoing works and use this information to enhance/reorient the works.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.planetaryhealth.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/en/drph-program/>

The student reports of the past years can be accessed:

Year 2023 [Survey on emergency care services in Vietnam](#)

Year 2024 [Evaluation of community-based health promotion in Cambodia](#)

Year 2025 [Strategic review on ASEAN-Japan collaboration for health](#)

### **Basic requirements for the Nagasaki Public Health Consulting**

The following are the basic requirements for this program. Details will be tailored to the host organization's circumstances.

Place of the on-site consultation:

- Any country where students can enter without visa restrictions

Host organization:

- An organization that is involved in proposing, formulating, or implementing health policies, programs, or projects
- An organization that can serve as an equal partner with Nagasaki University in sharing the responsibility for providing educational opportunities to students

Language used to communicate with the host organization:

- Preferably in English. Nagasaki University may hire a translator when necessary.

Topics:

- Any issues related to public, global, or planetary health
- Issues related to government policies are highly appreciated
- Projects that prioritize public health while generating profit are welcome; those focused solely on commercial gain will not be accepted

Expected Schedule:

- The student team will follow the schedule shown in the table below.

<b>Desk research (April-July)</b>	<b>On-site consultation (September)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Problem definition</li><li>- Literature review</li><li>- Information gathering</li><li>- Problem analysis</li><li>- Hypothesis formulation</li><li>- Report drafting</li><li>- On-site work planning</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Interviews and site visits</li><li>- Hypothesis testing</li><li>- Presentation of results and recommendations</li><li>- Preparation and submission of a final report</li></ul>

Deliverables:

- An oral presentation and a brief written report containing analysis results and recommendations (all in English). The exact format and structure will be discussed between the host organization and the student team.

### **Expected roles of the host organization**

The host organization is expected to provide support during the desk research phase (April to July) as well as the on-site consultation phase (September), including:

- Regular meetings and email exchanges with students to clarify expectations and align project direction
- Providing materials that are not available on the Internet
- Preparing a list of interview candidates and coordinating with them
- Providing information on local transportation and accommodation
- Discussion with the student team on the presentation/report contents
- Confirmation of the final report

### **Cost**

The cost related to the consulting work, including students' transportation and accommodation expenses, will generally be provided by Nagasaki University within its budget limits. However, this does not preclude the provision of financial support from the host organization.

Please note that Nagasaki University does not usually cover per diem and lodging expenses for host organization staff or fees for interviewees.

### **Memorandum**

Upon mutual agreement, a memorandum of understanding will be signed between the host organization and Nagasaki University as necessary.

### **Interested in hosting our students?**

Please submit your ideas, intent, or any questions to:






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**Deadline: January 31, 2026**





It is suggested to discuss:

- Topic(s)
- Target country, geographic area(s), and populations
- Key agencies/organizations/institutions
- Objectives of consulting
- Use and ownership of the final report
- Background and motives of the request for consulting
- Availability of key data and information
- Access to key actors and informants
- Logistical and financial support for the students, including visa arrangements, accommodation, and local transport
- Necessity for concluding an MoU

## DrPH Students

	<p><b>Thomas Kwasi AWUNI, Ghana</b></p> <p>Thomas has been a Public Health Epidemiologist with the Ghana Health Service for the past 16 years. He holds a Master of Public Health and a Master of Arts in Human Rights, Conflict, and Peace.</p>
	<p><b>Sudip ARYAL, Nepal</b></p> <p>Sudip has worked with external development partners managing public health projects in Nepal, focusing on nutrition, adolescent sexual and reproductive health, maternal health, and private sector engagement.</p>
	<p><b>Srijana NEPALI, Nepal</b></p> <p>Srijana holds a master's degree in social science and has experience in the UN/NGO sector, focusing on disability inclusion, food security, etc. Also interested in climate change and marginalized people's health.</p>
	<p><b>George ABREFA, Ghana</b></p> <p>George is a police nurse and a public health practitioner with experience in infection control and sexual and reproductive health. He is interested in the impact of climate change and environmental pollution on LMICs.</p>
	<p><b>Ayami NONOMURA, Japan</b></p> <p>Ayami is a medical doctor with an MSc in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene &amp; Tropical Medicine. She also has experience in global health diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.</p>

## Faculty Advisers

	<p><b>Kota YOSHIOKA, DrPH</b> <i>Associate Professor, Interfaculty Initiative in Planetary Health, NU</i></p> <p>Yoshioka teaches health systems and policies, with extensive research and field experience in controlling neglected tropical diseases.</p>
	<p><b>Ken HASHIMOTO, PhD</b> <i>Global Health Consultant</i></p> <p>Hashimoto has 20 years of experience in global health, including disease prevention and control, surveillance, and strengthening health systems.</p>
	<p><b>Ryuichi KOMATSU, PhD</b> <i>Professor, School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health, NU</i></p> <p>Komatsu has 30 years of experience leading strategic evaluations, reviews, and analytics to improve global health programs and strategies.</p>
	<p><b>Yumiko TAMURA</b> <i>Professor, Faculty of Economics, NU</i></p> <p>Tamura has extensive experience in economic research and development cooperation, including 27 years with the Asian Development Bank.</p>