



Zahra Fazal

Masters Student in Epidemiology and Clinical Research, admitted Autumn 2022

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Zahra Fazal, from Morogoro, Tanzania, is pursuing a master's degree in epidemiology and clinical research at Stanford School of Medicine as a Knight Hennessey scholar. She graduated from the University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada with a bachelor's degree with distinction in Global health and nutrition as a Karen McKellin International Leader of Tomorrow scholar. Zahra plans to apply her graduate degree towards researching health inequities amongst under-served populations and advocating for data-driven policy change within Sub-Saharan Africa. During her undergraduate degree, Zahra founded a club for first-generation and low-income (FGLI) students, launched a podcast and hosted Canada's first conference for FGLI students bringing together universities and education ministers across Canada. Inspired by her advocacy, UBC established a scholarship for FGLI students. Zahra was also a research assistant on a patient-partner project at Arthritis Research Canada investigating COVID-19 outcomes in patients with immunosuppression within Canada. Zahra has received the UBC Dean Blythe Eagles Medal, UBC International Community Achievement Award and is a 2022 Rhodes East Africa finalist.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Knight Hennessey fellowship, Stanford University (2022-2024)
- Global Health SEEDS grant, Stanford Center for Innovation in Global Health (2023-2024)
- Graduate Student Fellowship, Stanford Center for African Studies (2023)
- Graduate Student Mini-grant, Stanford Markaz Center (2024)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Science, University of British Columbia , Global health & nutrition (2021)

Professional

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Research Assitant - Arthritis Research Canada (9/2020 - 8/2022)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Risk of venous thromboembolism in patients with rheumatoid arthritis: a meta-analysis of observational studies.** *BMC rheumatology*
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- **COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in Africa: a scoping review** *GLOBAL HEALTH RESEARCH AND POLICY*
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- **Immunosuppression and COVID-19 infection in British Columbia: Protocol for a linkage study of population-based administrative and self-reported survey data** *PLOS ONE*

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