



EQUITY PARTNERS FOR INDIGENOUS, RURAL, AND REMOTE HEALTH NETWORK INITIATIVE

THE EQUIP INITIATIVE

Equity Partners for Indigenous, Rural and Remote Health (EQUIP) is a global initiative uniting undergraduate medical educators dedicated to strengthening Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) through Community-Based Medical Education (CBME). Our focus is on preparing medical doctors to serve rural and remote communities including their Indigenous and other marginalized populations. EQUIP is funded by Global Affairs Canada.

THE EQUIP NETWORK

EQUIP brings together academic leaders from partner institutions across Asia, East Africa, South America, and Canada. Together, we will:

- Share expertise and innovations in UME and CBME
- Build collaborative networks across continents
- Advance global health education through joint research and action

TIMELINE & ACTIVITIES

Interactive Virtual Sessions

- *September 2025 - February 2026*
- Engage in five, one hour thematic discussions to strengthen collaborative learning across regions.

In-Person Workshop in Patan, Nepal

- *Five-day event in November 2025*
- Deepen relationships, share outcomes, and co-create future plans.

OUTCOMES

EQUIP participants will co-develop:

- Practical tools and frameworks for community-based UME
- Academic publications and position papers
- Ongoing research collaborations to sustain long-term impact

OBJECTIVES

- **Promote shared learning** among participating medical training institutions to enhance mutual growth and understanding.
- **Strengthen relationships and networks** among UME and CBME leaders who share a commitment to rural and remote health.
- **Foster new collaboration opportunities** for ongoing co-research, co-learning, and institutional partnerships.
- **Develop joint academic outputs** such as position papers, conference proceedings, and thematic recommendations that reflect core and sub-themes.

EQUIP WORKSHOP (NOVEMBER 17-21, 2025)

This five day, in-person event will be held in Patan, Nepal, hosted by Patan Academy of Health Sciences (PAHS), a recognized leader in CBME and socially accountable medical education. Three days of participatory workshop sessions will be complemented by an overnight excursion to a rural UME placement site.

