

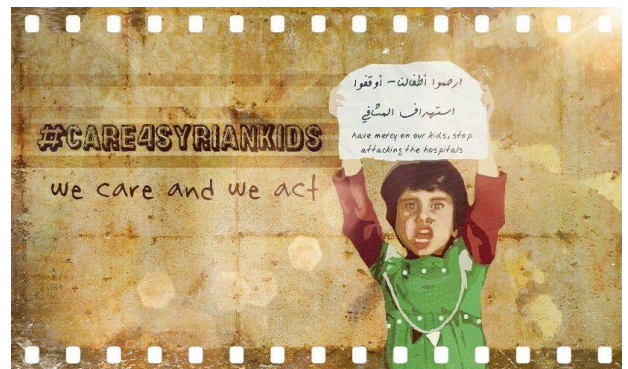


Humanitarian Action Working Group – Call for Participants

The Humanitarian Innovation Initiative (HI²) at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs is excited to announce the creation of a working group focused on addressing pressing global humanitarian challenges. The working group is open to Brown University graduate students and will be primarily student run with support and direction offered by HI². Contextually grounded humanitarian challenges will drive the focus and work flow of the group. As a means of tackling an identified humanitarian challenge, specific assignments will be generated by and/or presented to the members of the working group, who will then decide how best to complete the assignment either as smaller teams or as a collective group.

-- Opening Challenge -- **Develop a Telehealth Program for Syrian Hospital**

Overview: To develop a comprehensive telehealth program that will allow physicians and nurses at the Avicenna Women and Children's Hospital (Idlib, Syria) to have access to specialists in the United States. The telehealth platform will be a critical component used to help train medical staff and assist with technical support, daily medical consultations, and weekly reviews. Some initial components of the program that will need to be addressed include: a needs assessment; review of existing telehealth programs; and technical components (i.e. communication, multi-language software, application development). Self-paced tasks can be done remotely. ***This challenge is open to all Brown University graduate students, but we are specifically looking to recruit graduate students from the Medical School, School of Public Health, and Department of Computer Science.***



Partners: - Dr. Khaled Almilaji M.S.M, Sustainable International Medical Relief Organization (SIMRO)
- Jonathan M. Nelson Center for Entrepreneurship, Brown University

Duration: The first meeting will be in December with 1 hour biweekly meetings there after (online accessibility). Involvement can range from assisting with the completion of one task to participating with the entire program development (up to 1 year).

If you are interested in joining the Humanitarian Action Working Group or would like more information, please send an expression of interest to **Melissa Godfrey, Brown University MPH '19** (melissa_godfrey@brown.edu) and **MHD Nour Audi, Brown University MPH '19** (mhd_nour_audi@brown.edu).