**Missing Billion Fellowship**

The Missing Billion Initiative is offering PhD students or postgraduate researchers who are passionate about the topic of disability and health to join the Missing Billion Initiative as Fellows. During the appointment, you will be able to link your research work to an exciting system-change initiative aiming to improve health access and outcomes for people with disabilities worldwide.

**About the Missing Billion Initiative**

The [Missing Billion Initiative](https://www.themissingbillion.org/) (MBI) is a new agenda-setting initiative that has taken on one of the biggest unaddressed health inequity issues of these times: health access and outcomes for people with disabilities. The initiative gathers data, identifies gaps, shows evidence of what works, delivers projects that lead to scalable products, and provides a platform through which to share, mobilize and drive system change at scale.

In 2019, [MBI published a report](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d79d3afbc2a705c96c5d2e5/t/5f284cb69af8a9396df3f81c/1596476607957/v3_TheMissingBillion_revised_0620.pdf) highlighting the inequity in provision of healthcare to persons with disabilities. The report argued that to meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and to attain universal health coverage, it is imperative that we improve access to care for persons with disabilities. The COVID-19 pandemic has made these inequities even more visible as people with disabilities are two to three times more likely to have COVID-19 and adverse health outcomes.

**About you**

You are a doer at heart who is passionate about disability and/or health policy. You want to expand the impact of your research work by moving it into practice, grow your network, and develop your professional skills and experience in the field. We are looking for curious folks who are not afraid of new challenges and know how to take initiative.

We strongly encourage people with disabilities and from low- and middle-income countries to apply.

**What you can expect from the fellowship**

* Learn from leading academics and practitioners in the field
* Receive guidance and mentorship from the leadership team
* Have potential opportunities for paid consultancies
* Help shape new projects and gain exposure to strategic planning and implementation work
* Gain insights into how a system change initiative operates
* Develop your professional and communications skills and put your research into practice

By joining the team as a Fellow, you will become an ambassador for the Initiative’s work, resources, and tools. The role and scope are malleable, depending on your interests, research focus, and time available, but may include:

* Promoting the Missing Billion Initiative through your existing work
* Conducting paid pieces of work as they emerge
* Where possible, linking your work to the workstreams and projects of the Missing Billion Initiative
* Accessing and learning from the good practices and the emerging community of practice

**In the past, Missing Billion Fellows have**

* Focused their PhD work on applying the Missing Billion Assessment Toolkit within a country of interest
* Developed an internal report on disability-inclusive health for a multilateral funding organization (paid consultancy)
* Developed a compendium of good practice examples in disability-inclusive health worldwide across all levels of the health system (paid consultancy)
* Expanded their network and met new collaborators for academic writing through the Missing Billion community
* Supported live webinars organized by the Missing Billion Initiative
* Attended invite-only events organized by the Missing Billion Initiative and partners

**Duration:** 6 to 18 months, with possibility of extension

**Pay:** This is a volunteer role, with potential opportunities to get access to paid work depending on funding.

**Time commitment**: Outside any paid work there is no set time commitment, but we believe 2-3 hours per week would be most beneficial for you and our work.

**Location:** Remote or possible co-location in London

**Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.**