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Dear Friends,

We are delighted to share this annual report of the Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI). The growth of our community fuels our efforts towards brain health equity. In September 2022, we welcomed 32 new fellows. The program now totals 205 fellows—current and Global Atlantic Fellows (alumni)—from 48 countries across the globe.

In 2021–22, our flagship program, the Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health, reached a significant milestone—the academic certifications from University of California, San Francisco, and Trinity College Dublin. The university-endorsed certifications formalize the Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health as an academic program. This achievement is a long time coming and a testament to the standard of excellence produced by the hard work of our staff and faculty.

Despite the challenges we face with a global pandemic, collaborative work within the global alumni network is thriving, including Creative Brain Week, a pioneering 5-day event at the intersection of arts and brain science; and Strategizing Transdisciplinary Research Priorities (STRAP), an international working group focused on improving care for people with dementia and their carers.

GBHI continues to focus on diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. The Person and Public Voice program strives to ensure that the voices of people with lived experience of dementia are central to our work. Through events focused on diversity in clinical research, we aim to improve the safety, effectiveness, and accessibility of potential treatments for dementia. The 2022 Equity Award focuses on increasing diversity in brain donations for dementia research.

Through new partnerships, GBHI is expanding our reach, including a new course to support the brain health of sportspeople, and a partnership with Fondation Alzheimer to empower French medical researchers and clinicians committed to Alzheimer’s disease and global change.

We hope you enjoy reading about all these stories and more. We share deep gratitude to our community members and supporters.

Bruce Miller, MD & Ian Robertson, PhD
Co-Directors, Global Brain Health Institute
The Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI) is dedicated to protecting the world’s populations from threats to brain health.

Dementia is rapidly increasing around the world. By 2050, the number of people with dementia could triple from 50 million to 152 million, overwhelming families, communities, public health care systems, and economies worldwide.

In 2015, The Atlantic Philanthropies offered significant funding to the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin (Trinity) to establish GBHI, a groundbreaking institute that aims to tackle the emerging dementia epidemic and improve brain health worldwide.

GBHI works to reduce the scale and impact of dementia in three ways: by training and connecting the next generation of leaders in brain health through the Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health program; by collaborating in expanding preventions and interventions; and by sharing knowledge and engaging in advocacy.

GBHI brings together a powerful mix of disciplines, professions, backgrounds, skill sets, perspectives, and approaches to develop new solutions. We strive to improve brain health for populations across the world, reaching into local communities and across our global network. We focus on working compassionately with people in vulnerable and underserved populations to improve outcomes and promote dignity for all.

The Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health program at GBHI provides innovative training, networking, and support to emerging leaders focused on improving brain health and reducing the impact of dementia in their local communities and on a global scale. It is one of seven global Atlantic Fellows programs to advance fairer, healthier, and more inclusive societies.

Atlantic Fellows at GBHI join the program for 12 months and have a base at UCSF or Trinity. A curriculum covering neurology, health economics, epidemiology, law and ethics, leadership, public policy, creativity, and statistics constitutes part of the knowledge exchange. Fellows also gain experiences in the clinic, are exposed to the lived experience of people with dementia, and engage in projects aimed at advancing brain health. Through intensive mentoring, fellows are guided in the development of projects, careers, leadership, and policy efforts. After training, fellows return to their home community to implement a project using their enhanced knowledge and expertise. They continue to have access to career-duration mentoring, professional educational activities, and an international network of colleagues.

The Atlantic Fellows program at GBHI is training hundreds of global leaders over 15 years across the world to promote brain health and dementia prevention, to reduce stigma, and to improve the lives of people with dementia. The fellows come from many different professional backgrounds, including clinical practice, social sciences, arts, economics, public health, research, policy and education.
Our Values

GBHI is “A FORCE” for equity in brain health. Our values guide us as we advocate to reduce the impact of dementia. We believe by taking a values-based approach to brain health, science, arts, humanities and advocacy, we can drive change for millions of people.

**AUTHENTICITY**
assumes a genuine foundation for action

**FAIRNESS**
implies transparency and is founded within the value of equity

**OPENNESS**
requires an appreciation for diversity and underlies the curiosity needed for evidence-based change

**RESPECT**
fortifies gratitude and embraces diversity

**COURAGE**
implies the need to take risk

**EMPATHY**
is at the heart of community-informed change

"Through shared values and different perspectives, we progress in our journey of multidisciplinary collaboration and collective commitment to create real change."

—Salam Yosaph, Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health

She had blue skin,
And so did he.
He kept it hid
And so did she.
They searched for blue
Their whole life through,
Then passed right by—
And never knew.
In 2021–22, the program reached significant milestones, including academic certification and a new partnership with a leading funder of Alzheimer’s disease in France.

**PROGRAM CERTIFICATION**
Beginning in September 2022, the Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health program will implement an institutionally-approved certificate program at UCSF and Trinity. Thereafter, qualified fellows will receive a Certificate in Equity in Brain Health after successful completion of the program.

Since its inception, GBHI has strived to develop and enhance the Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health program. The university-endorsed certification formalizes the Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health as an academic program. In addition to professional prestige, the certification offers new opportunities to future fellows, including resources available at each campus.

“This achievement has been a long time coming,” said Brian Lawlor, Deputy Executive Director, GBHI. “Its success is testament to the high standard of excellence produced by our staff and faculty.”

The certification highlights GBHI’s commitment to brain health equity and the strength of its global footprint. It provides a more robust foundation for many additional efforts to expand GBHI’s training mission, including extended training for postdoctoral trainees in brain health equity, and plans to enhance our capacity building mission in low- and middle-income countries.

**NEW FRENCH PARTNERSHIP**
One of the major challenges in changing the narrative around Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias is to unite new and bold ideas with sufficient resources for global impact. With this in mind, GBHI and Fondation Alzheimer (France) announced the launch of the French Alzheimer’s Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health Program to empower French medical researchers and clinicians committed to Alzheimer’s disease and global change.

After an immersive 12-month training year at either UCSF or Trinity, the fellows are expected to return to France to develop an innovative project using their newly acquired knowledge. Fellows will continue to have access to career-duration mentoring, funding supports, and an international network of colleagues through GBHI.

**DISRUPTING DISPARITIES**
In May 2022, GBHI community members, collaborators, and brain health enthusiasts worldwide connected at the GBHI Annual Conference to consider new and different perspectives to advance brain health. The theme was “Disrupting Disparities: Multidisciplinary Approaches for Brain Health Equity.”

Adapted as a virtual experience due to COVID-19, the conference included activities to build the GBHI community and celebrate its work across disciplines and regions. Participants learned about diverse perspectives to promote global brain health equity, including how Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health are building interdisciplinary best practices in dementia prevention, research, and care.

Examples explored work from Alejandra Guerrero (Neurologist and Atlantic Fellow) on homelessness in Colombia, Tanisha Hill-Jarrett (Neuropsychologist and Atlantic Fellow) on interpersonal and systemic racism in the US, Joni Gillisen (Social Health Scientist and Atlantic Fellow) on end-of-life care in Belgium, and Hanan Khalil (Physiotherapist and Atlantic Fellow) on forced migration in Jordan.

Additional sessions included perspectives on leadership, pilot awards, and the power of art and science to build equity in brain health.
The goal of the Pilot Awards for Brain Health Leaders is to both support leadership development of the Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health and to advance pilot projects that improve outcomes in brain health. As Atlantic Fellows return to their home communities, these pilot awards help them to achieve regional impact while maintaining a link to GBHI through mentoring.

Diversity of discipline, profession, and region is key to our success. Funded pilots range from advocacy to systems change to applied research. Fellows are addressing challenges with access to care, stigma, social determinants of brain health, education, and much more.

In the first five years of the Pilot Awards program 114 pilots across 36 countries and administrative regions have been awarded a total of $2.85 million. Pilot awardees have subsequently secured an additional $42.9 million in other funding.

**Featured Pilot Awards**

**Cheyenne Mize, MT-BC, (United States)**

**Increasing Well-being Through Creative Engagement**

In times of loneliness, how does one cope? In the absence of a cure for dementia it is key that we create ways for elders to be socially connected, provide opportunities for creative engagement, and make health information accessible. *Can You Hear Me?*, a sing-along audio program hosted by Cheyenne Mize (music therapist and Atlantic Fellow) that highlights the voices and music of elders, aims to address the stigma of aging and dementia and to increase well-being through creative engagement.

Lonely individuals are twice as likely to develop dementia. *Can You Hear Me?* is a model for arts-driven community engagement that not only addresses health inequities and the stigma of aging and dementia, but also has the capacity to enhance well-being and connect people, even in times of isolation.

*Through Can You Hear Me?, we hope to create socially connected, inclusive, less lonely communities to reduce the scale and impact of dementia worldwide.*

Cheyenne Mize, Atlantic Fellow, music therapist and community music advocate

Listen to episodes of Can You Hear Me?

**Ignacio Ilán Gala, MD, PhD, (Spain)**

**Developing a New Metric to Provide a Qualitative Measure of Brain Structure**

What if a dementia diagnosis could be made earlier? Primary progressive aphasia (PPA) is a neurodegenerative syndrome characterized by prominent and progressive loss of language that often begins in mid-life, with serious implications for family life, work, and social functioning. However, many PPA cases are misdiagnosed or are only diagnosed at an advanced stage when disease-modifying therapies would be futile. Moreover, clinical progression is highly variable, and it is impossible to determine the cause of PPA based on a patient's clinical presentation, thus hampering the application of experimental treatments.

This multicenter study led by Ignacio Ilán Gala (neurologist and Atlantic Fellow)—with participants from the UCSF Memory and Aging Center (United States) and Hospital de Sant Pau (Spain)—aims to validate a new magnetic resonance imaging method to better characterize the earliest changes in the brains of patients with PPA.

*Our results will have important implications for designing clinical trials testing novel treatments for this challenging disease.*

Ignacio Ilán Gala, Atlantic Fellow, neurologist

**Claudia Ramos, MD, (Colombia)**

**Evaluating the Relationship Between Substance Use with the Onset of Different Stages of Alzheimer’s Disease**

At what point does substance use affect one’s risk for dementia? Substance use can increase the risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease, but it’s unclear at what point and how fast this happens. Therefore, evaluation of drug use in people who already have a high risk of dementia is important. This project considers the relationship between substance use and the onset of Alzheimer’s disease, aiming to determine its association with age of onset and progression speed of the cognitive decline.

Led by Claudia Ramos (psychiatrist and Atlantic Fellow), the study considers the four stages of Alzheimer’s disease—asymptomatic pre-mild cognitive impairment (pre-MCI); symptomatic pre-MCI; MCI; and dementia. Findings may help us understand the biological mechanisms behind this potential association, as well as shed light on other genetic conditions, including sporadic forms of dementia.

*We need to encourage people to learn more about the first symptoms and signs of dementia.*

Claudia Ramos, Atlantic Fellow, psychiatrist

Read more about the research
2021–22 Pilot Awards
The 2021–22 pilot awards (26 in total) include several projects focused on the social and lifestyle factors that affect the health of an individual—like physical activity, social support, and communication. These include a study of the role of social interaction and physical activity on brain health in people with frontotemporal dementia in India, a brain health navigation social support initiative in England, and an international network for language assessment across neural disorders in Chile.

The awards span 18 countries across five continents, including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lithuania, Mexico, Nicaragua, Sweden, United Kingdom (England), United States, and Zimbabwe. The total funding of $649,811 includes about $25,000 for each individual award to enable the recipients to pilot test a project and then, if successful, seek further resources to scale up their work. The 26 awardees joined an overall portfolio of 114 pilots in 36 countries and regions.

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### 2021-22 Pilot Awards

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### 2021-22 Pilot Awards

- **Role Of Social Interaction and Physical Activity in Brain Health in FTD**
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  - Awardee: Faheem Arshad
- **APP4PPA: A Remote Speech-Language Therapy for Italian PPA**
  - Location: Italy
  - Awardee: Petronilla Battista
- **Examining the Association Between Fear of Dementia and Lifestyle Risk Factors**
  - Location: Ireland
  - Awardee: Francesca Farina
- **Brain Health Navigation to Improve Health Equity in Greater Manchester**
  - Location: United Kingdom (England)
  - Awardee: Sarah Fox
- **International Network for Language Assessment Across Neural Disorders**
  - Location: Chile
  - Awardee: Adolfo García
- **Understanding and Improving Dementia Care Via Clinical-Creative Partnership**
  - Location: Ireland
  - Awardee: Gráinne Hope
- **Storytelling in Action: Dance Program for People Living with Dementia**
  - Location: United States
  - Awardee: Magda Kaczmarska
- **Exploring Causal Inferences Between Kidney Function and Cognitive Disorders**
  - Location: United States
  - Awardee: Dearbhla Kelly
- **Social Determinants and Dementia Phenotype in Israelis of Diverse Ancestry**
  - Location: Israel
  - Awardee: Ophir Keret
- **A Trauma Focused Physiotherapy Intervention in Refugees**
  - Location: Jordan
  - Awardee: Hanan Khalil

*Funded pilot awards 2021-22*
LISTENING TO THE VOICES OF PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF DEMENTIA
GBHI’s Person and Public Voice (PPV) program strives to ensure that the voices of people with the lived experience of dementia are central to the work and activities of GBHI. The evolving program works with stakeholders to ensure that the GBHI community is adopting PPV best practice in research, education, and advocacy in the field of dementia.

Central to the program has been the establishment of the Dementia Community-Research Advisory Panel, an international panel of people with lived experiences of dementia, committed to sharing insights and knowledge in the development of resources and research targeting aging and dementia.

“It is necessary and long overdue to have people living with dementia, their families, caregivers and community members involved in dementia research and decision making.”

Carol Lei, co-chair of the Dementia Community-Research Advisory Panel

The PPV program also reinforces GBHI as an agent of social change by reducing stigma and inspiring optimism and dignity. Initiatives such as the co-creation of a Guide to Dementia-Friendly Language and Images is intended to benefit and support the GBHI community, and beyond, in creating a common language around dementia and caregiving to improve outcomes for everyone.

WISDOM WEavers
Wisdom Weavers is a short documentary film that explores the relationship between brain health and the ancient craft of weaving. The collaborative project brought together Atlantic Fellows with neurological, creative and Peruvian cultural expertise to learn about the art and impact of weaving.

To examine possible connections between weaving and brain health, Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health—including photographer Alex Kornhuber (Peru), neurologist Maritza Pintado Caipa (Peru) and artist Rowena Richie (United States)—and Atlantic Fellow for Social and Economic Equity, photojournalist Johnny Miller (United States), undertook a field study in the Andes involving a combination of interviews and observations.

“Villagers shared textile traditions that express the importance of their civilization while exercising their creativity and concentration,” said Richie.

Inequities such as the lack of access to health services in rural Peru would need to be considered when further exploring weaving’s relationship to brain health. However, the weavings spoke for themselves, expressing the weavers’ strong family ties and connection to nature—known assets for good brain health.

“We are still experiencing the benefits of the intergenerational exchange, so weavers retain wisdom and the ability to create wonderful things, no matter how literate they are.”

Maritza Pintado Caipa, Atlantic Fellow, neurologist

IMPACT OF COVID-19 CONTROL MEASURES ON PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA
People with dementia and their informal carers who live at home have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 control measures, including a more rapid progression of cognitive and functional impairments, deterioration in mental health and wellbeing, loneliness, and increased care partner burden and stress.

Led by GBHI community members, the Strategizing Transdisciplinary Research Priorities (STRAP) working group has been assembled to leverage scientific collaboration among the multidisciplinary, equity-based and global GBHI community. The group aims to identify evidence gaps and translate these into a strategy to encourage research to inform care and policy to be better prepared for future crisis situations such as pandemics. The recommendations will be tailored to key regions globally.
Prevention & Intervention

“We will activate our existing network of brain health leaders in key regions in Europe and the Global South, co-creating with people with the lived experience of dementia. By working together, utilizing everyone’s expertise and sharing knowledge, we will achieve global impact.”

Geeske Peeters, Atlantic Fellow, epidemiologist and consortium coordinator

The working group has been funded through the competitively funded EU Joint Programme—Neurodegenerative Disease Research (JPND)—the largest global research initiative aimed at tackling the challenge of neurodegenerative diseases.

EQUITY AND BALANCE IN APPLIED DEMENTIA RESEARCH

Research capacity and capability for dementia in many low- and middle-income countries is still developing and often involves collaborations with high-income countries. Such collaborations may present equity risks and result in partnership imbalances.

Working with civil society members from the Global South and North, an Expert Reference Group of over 60 interdisciplinary dementia professionals—including 28 members of the GBHI community from 17 countries—has co-developed a Charter of Conduct to guide future international collaborations for dementia research.

“Moving towards equitable global dementia research partnerships needs commitment to principles highlighted in this paper. This is only the beginning. I hope this paper leads us to crucial conversations that bring us closer to equitable dementia research practices between high-income countries, and low- and middle-income countries,” said Wambui Karanja, Atlantic Fellow, a psychologist and member of the Dementia Charter of Conduct Global Expert Reference Group.

This Charter of Conduct, operationalized as a researcher checklist, will support international collaborations for dementia research. It represents an important step in increasing dementia clinical research globally, ensuring advancement for the betterment of people at risk of, or living with dementia, and their families.

EQUITY AWARD TO INCREASE DIVERSITY IN BRAIN DONATIONS FOR DEMENTIA RESEARCH

In January 2022, GBHI announced Charles Windon, Assistant Professor of Clinical Neurology at UCSF and GBHI faculty member, as a winner of the 2022 GBHI Equity Award. The Equity Award aims to support a faculty member’s research or programming related to population health and/or health equity.

His project seeks to increase representation of African Americans of all socioeconomic backgrounds in the autopsy cohort—that is, the brains donated for post-mortem examination to the UCSF Memory and Aging Center (MAC). Windon will co-lead the project with Salvatore Spina, Associate Professor of Neurology at UCSF and GBHI faculty member.

“I look forward to being able to perform this work that will hopefully begin to address the disparities that exist in our autopsy cohort, ultimately fostering more inclusive and equitable research,” said Windon.

This project could also provide tools for the Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health as it will enable research projects to use pathology data from more diverse populations.

Windon is a neurologist interested in better understanding disparities in neurodegenerative disease and working towards their elimination using a multimodal approach. He is particularly passionate about disparities affecting the African American community.

GBHI members of the Expert Reference Group that developed the Charter of Conduct.
Education & Advocacy

Highlights of GBHI’s aim to share knowledge and engage in advocacy.

CREATIVE BRAIN WEEK
What is the relationship between creativity and the brain? Creative Brain Week (March 12–16, 2022) explored how the brain and creativity collide to build new ideas.

Led by Dominic Campbell (Atlantic Fellow and cultural producer), this inaugural event considered the intersection of the arts and brain science in relation to health and wellbeing, productivity, innovation, business, technology, and equity.

Hosted by GBHI at Trinity College Dublin, the exciting five-day program celebrated creativity, originality, and its application. Over a hundred expert speakers—including artists, neuroscientists, researchers, educationalists, industry leaders and innovators—shared perspectives of how creativity and originality might serve humanity into the future. In tandem, a creative exhibition covered a wide variety of genres and themes from dance to opera to visual art to performances.

Thirteen fellows from five Atlantic Fellows global programs participated in the event through grants from the Atlantic Institute to promote collaboration for impact.

Over the coming years, Creative Brain Week will explore and promote the relationships between creativity, the brain and all areas of our lives, from health to business and arts to technology. It will connect inspiring experience and knowledge from academic and public practice.

To learn more and to view recordings, visit www.creativebrainweek.com.

PROTECTING THE COGNITIVE FUNCTIONS OF SPORTSPEOPLE
Regular exercise is not only beneficial for general health, but also helps manage modifiable risks linked to dementia, such as depression, obesity, hypertension and social isolation.

A new online course in Sport and Exercise for Brain Health has been created by researchers at GBHI, Trinity College Dublin, along with colleagues at the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow and the Brain Health Scotland initiative (Alzheimer Scotland).

The massive open online course is a response to calls from athletes and other interested groups keen to source evidence-based information to support brain health.

“There’s no health without brain health,” said Brian Lawlor, Deputy Executive Director, GBHI. “But we need to increase awareness and research in brain health and how to maintain it. Just as sport and exercise improve physical fitness, they also have a positive effect on your brain health.”

How this happens is explained in this innovative course with practical advice on what you can do to keep your brain healthy at any age, along with the research behind the evidence.

Participants can learn about the latest research developments and strategies that anyone can adopt to minimize risks to brain health. The course is free and available through the FutureLearn digital platform.

THE LONELINESS OF CARRYING
Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, informal carers experienced high levels of loneliness, social isolation and burden. The pandemic exaggerated these negative impacts and reinforced social and health inequities across the world.

As part of the Comparing Loneliness and Isolation in COVID-19 (CLIC) global online survey, the CLIC-Caregiver study explored coping and caregiver burden, loneliness and social isolation in caregivers of people with brain health challenges during the pandemic. This represents the largest, most widespread survey to date—over 5,200 carers in 50 countries—on the impact of the pandemic on caregivers of people with long-term conditions.

“Considering the far-ranging negative impact of the pandemic, particularly on older people, it is critical to continue investigating its effect on informal caregivers of people with enduring conditions such as dementia,” says joint first author Yaohua Chen, Atlantic Fellow, neurologist and geriatrician.

GBHI faculty Brian Lawlor and Iracema Leroi and ten Atlantic Fellows—from the fields of health economics, biostatistics, neurology, psychiatry, research and speech and language pathology—are collaborating with international researchers as part of the CLIC Caregiver Study Group. In March 2022, GBHI hosted “The Loneliness of Caring During COVID-19: CLIC-Carer Symposium” to further explore loneliness and the factors associated with carer burden and social isolation.

INCREASING SUSTAINED DIVERSITY IN ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE CLINICAL TRIALS
To ensure the safety, effectiveness, and accessibility of potential treatments for Alzheimer’s disease, it is essential that diverse populations are well represented in clinical trials.

Recognizing this need, Jorge Llibre Guerra (Atlantic Fellow and neurologist) led an event co-hosted by GBHI, the Alzheimer’s Association and the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity at Washington University in St. Louis (United States) focusing on how Alzheimer’s disease clinical trials can improve recruitment, enrollment, and retention of diverse populations to ensure potential treatments are safe, effective, accessible, and equitable.

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There is an urgent need for Alzheimer’s disease clinical trials to improve the recruitment and retention of diverse populations,” said Llibre Guerra. “Globalization of these clinical trials is also a pressing need, yet less than 20% of the clinical trials are conducted in low- and middle-income countries.”

Participants discussed the need for more thoughtful approaches to increase diversity in Alzheimer’s disease clinical trials and expand access to low- and middle-income countries. As a next step, Llibre Guerra and colleagues have created a special interest group aimed at increasing sustained diversity in Alzheimer’s disease clinical trials. Their mission is to provide guidance and recommendations that enable and facilitate Alzheimer’s disease clinical trial participation of diverse communities.

BUILDING BRAINS BETTER
Brain-based challenges—whether biological, economic, structural, environmental, or social—all involve brain health and wellness. These issues often fail to be noticed given they cut across policy areas and sectors of government.

In response, Walt Dawson (Atlantic Fellow and health policy researcher) and Erin Smith (Atlantic Fellow and creative technologist), along with Bruce Miller (Co-Director, GBHI) and others advocate for a coordinated approach to manage and ultimately prevent these issues in a policy brief for the Brookings Institute, a public policy organization in Washington, DC (United States).

“Our collective failure to connect neuroscience and social policy may in part be due to scientific advancements in the brain sciences outpacing economic and policy change,” wrote the authors. “It is also a result of the siloed knowledge of the brain and economics rarely converging to inform the development and implementation of policy.”

To this end, they developed a novel asset, Brain Capital, which incorporates brain health and brain skills and drives economic empowerment, social resilience, and emotional connection. As brains are indispensable drivers of human progress, Brain Capital provides an opportunity to invest in these valuable assets and nurture healthier, more resilient, and flexible brains.

Read the policy brief.

AN ART EXHIBITION OF URBAN DESIGN AND BRAIN HEALTH
Growing up in Lagos, Nigeria, Funmi Akindejoye often thought about the impact of environmental factors on people’s brain health. Now, as an Atlantic Fellow, public health specialist, and visual artist, she is dedicated to preventing threats to brain health through innovative interventions.

In a recent study, she gathered data from city planners and health professionals on urban factors that influence the wellbeing and brain health of its populace.

“When contemplating how to raise awareness of the findings, I thought: ‘Who doesn’t enjoy staring at a beautiful work of art, except this time with very deliberate information,’” said Akindejoye.

Thus, the concept of Mentopedia—a fusion of urban design, health and art—was born. The exhibition aimed to use art to represent the findings of her study on urban design and brain health. It featured a three-day onsite exhibition at Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital Yaba hospital’s Arts and Health Innovation Hub, an initiative of Kunle Adewale, Atlantic Fellow and artist.

The show, which was the first art exhibition in the hospital’s 110-year history, highlighted how our interaction with the built environment influences the brain health of city dwellers and how stakeholders such as city planners, health professionals and policy makers can support brain health.

GBHI INTEREST GROUPS
Led by Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health, GBHI Interest Groups drive dialogue, action, and community-building globally on cross-disciplinary topics relating to brain health.

The current groups are below:

- African Brain Health Network
- Cognitive Assessment in Diverse Populations
- Economics of Dementia & Brain Health
- FUNC (For Underrepresented Creative Knowledge)
- Increasing Sustained Diversity in Dementia Clinical Trials
- Indigenous Brain Health & Planetary Health
- Person & Public Voice (PPV)
- Patient Review, Early-Onset & Atypical Dementia
- Sex and Gender Differences in Brain Health and Aging
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THE FELLOWS COME FROM THE FOLLOWING REGIONS:

- **27%** LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN
- **20%** MEDITERRANEAN
- **19%** NORTHERN EUROPE
- **16%** NORTHERN AMERICA
- **3%** EASTERN AFRICA
- **3%** EASTERN ASIA
- **3%** SOUTHERN AFRICA
- **3%** WESTERN AFRICA
- **2%** WESTERN EUROPE
- **1%** EASTERN EUROPE
- **1%** OCEANIA
- **1%** SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA
- **1%** SOUTHERN ASIA

INTER-PROFESSIONAL
THE FELLOWS COME FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF CLINICAL AND NON-CLINICAL PROFESSIONS INCLUDING:

- MEDICINE
- SOCIAL SCIENCE
- PUBLIC POLICY
- HEALTH ECONOMICS
- JOURNALISM
- PERFORMING ARTS
- BUSINESS
- ADVOCACY
- BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE
- ANTHROPOLOGY
- LINGUISTICS
- NUTRITION
- LAW
- TECHNOLOGY
- ARCHITECTURE
- COGNITIVE SCIENCE
- PUBLIC HEALTH
- EPIDEMIOLOGY
- FINE ARTS
- HUMANITIES
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
- EDUCATION
- NURSING
- URBAN HEALTH

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Ethiopia, 2019

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Visual Arts
Nigeria, 2019

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Health Economics
United States, 2019

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Journalism & Writing
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Nigeria, 2020

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India, 2020

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Neurology  
United States, 2016

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Psychiatry  
Turkey, 2021

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Neurology, Research  
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Canada, 2018

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Brazil, 2018

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Education & Wellness  
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Neuropsychology  
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Cultural Events  
Ireland, 2016

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Behavioral Neurology  
Spain, 2016

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Marketing & Business Development  
Ireland, 2018

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Neurology  
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Service Design & Social Entrepreneurship  
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Lithuania, 2020

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Music  
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Neurology & Statistics  
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Biography  
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Behavioral Health  
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Health Policy  
Bermuda, 2019

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Clinical Science  
Mongolia, 2018

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Health Policy  
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Neurology  
Ecuador, 2018

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Cognitive Neuroscience  
Brazil, 2019

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Neurology  
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Neuroscience  
Turkey, 2017

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Sociology & Medicine  
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Health Policy  
Bermuda, 2019

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Epidemiology  
Brazil, 2018

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Neurology  
Spain, 2019

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Kenya, 2021

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Health Services  
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Neuroscience  
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Psychosocial Research  
Ireland, 2016

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Public Involvement & Engagement  
United Kingdom (England), 2020

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Behavioral Neurology  
Israel, 2019

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Social Science & Health Services  
Ireland, 2018

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Epidemiology  
France, 2019

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Neurology  
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Neurology  
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Psychology & Language  
Pakistan, 2018

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Care Models  
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Nursing  
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Neuroscience  
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Health Economics  
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Ireland, 2017

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Greece, 2016

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Neurology
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Argentina, 2019

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Mexico, 2017

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Neuropsychology
Cuba, 2017

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Psychiatry
Colombia, 2021

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Egypt, 2018

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Brazil, 2017

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The first several years of start-up operations were accompanied by healthy yearly growth, reflecting the recruitment of talented faculty, staff, and robust Atlantic Fellow cohorts, as well as the ramping up of program implementation with a focus on the unique in-residence learning experience. As GBHI reached steady-state operations in subsequent years, the programmatic focus has shifted to include the alumni network and working towards global impact. Overall, annual expenditures are in line with the GBHI strategic plan and maintain a strong focus on spending for impact.

Over the six years of the Pilot Awards for Global Brain Health Leaders program, 114 pilots were awarded a total of $2.9 million across 35 countries. Key partners are funding 69% of the pilot awards program, with GBHI covering 31% of all pilots. Continued emphasis on maintaining and strengthening our key partnerships is an important strategic goal and programmatic focus.
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