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WHO/Cochrane/Cornell University Joan Klein Jacobs Center for Precision Nutrition and Health Summer Institute for Systematic Reviews in Nutrition for Global Policy Making

This unique Institute offers a combination of online and in-person learning. In 2025, the Institute format includes one week of online instruction, which is primarily self-directed and tailored by each person to fit their schedule. This is followed by a second week of residential, in-person training. The Institute brings together experts from the World Health Organization (WHO), Cochrane, and Cornell University to train participants in the development of systematic reviews of nutrition interventions in populations. We have excellent outcomes, and Institute participants have contributed to producing reviews that inform global guidelines.

Systematic reviews following the Cochrane methodology are used to ensure that WHO recommendations are based on sound evidence. Participants will learn Cochrane methods for systematic reviews including how to apply the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE) tool to assess the overall certainty of evidence.

The Institute is intended for nutrition scientists and practitioners with an interest in the application of scientific evidence to policy-making in nutrition. Candidates must have a university degree in health or social sciences with an interest in nutrition interventions for public health and be willing to be registered as authors on a Cochrane review.

Learning objectives:

- To develop and update technical skills and knowledge in systematic reviews of nutrition and nutrition-sensitive interventions
- To build an understanding of the process for global policy making in nutrition
- To complete hands-on training in the development of Cochrane systematic reviews on a topic of immediate global health relevance in nutrition and public health



To date, the Summer Institute has trained about **252** nutrition experts, and author teams from the Institute have published **25** systematic reviews and **20** systematic review protocols. **12** reviews are already in use to inform national and international guidelines and World Health Assembly resolutions.

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