The Dr. Charles A. Sanders/Project HOPE
International Residency Scholarship Program
For North Carolina Medical Residents
2017 Information and Application

Overview

Project HOPE has established an endowment to support a Dr. Charles A. Sanders/Project HOPE International Residency Scholarship Program, in which selected medical resident physicians from North Carolina would be offered, through a competitive application, scholarship funding for a one to two month supervised global health elective at a HOPE program site. The scholarship is offered to resident physicians from North Carolina’s four academic medical universities (Duke University, the University of North Carolina, Wake Forest University, and East Carolina University).

Details of the Residency Scholarship Program

- **Participating Institutions**

The Dr. Charles A Sanders/Project HOPE Residency Scholarship is offered annually to resident physicians from Duke University, the University of North Carolina, Wake Forest University, and East Carolina University. The following distinguished academic leaders within the state are providing guidance and oversight for the program:
  - Nancy C. Andrews, M.D., Ph.D., Dean of the School of Medicine and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Duke University
  - Paul R. Cunningham, M.D., Dean of the Brody School of Medicine, East Carolina University.
  - William L. Roper, M.D., MPH, Dean of the School of Medicine, Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs and CEO of the UNC Health Care System, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
  - Edward Abraham, M.D., Dean of Wake Forest School of Medicine, Wake Forest University
  - Shay Slifko, M.A., Program Manager, University of North Carolina School of Medicine Office of International Activities
  - Martha Carlough, MD, MPH, Director, University of North Carolina School of Medicine Office of International Activities

- **Eligibility**

The Scholarship is competitive, with applications open to resident physicians (PGY 1-5) who have completed at least the first year of postgraduate training from the participating institutions. Applicants are expected to demonstrate an interest and commitment to the practice of medicine in a low-resource international setting. Other criteria, including appropriate foreign language skills, will be established by Project HOPE in consultation with the university partners and the program Advisory Board, and dependent on proposed placement site. (Given that countries where English is widely used would attract and be suitable for the greatest number of applicants, foreign language skills may be desirable, but will not be a pre-requisite for the scholarship.) All scholarship recipients must complete travel health and safety requirements under the auspices of the participating university and Project HOPE, which includes obtaining emergency evacuation insurance and on-line preparation modules.
Assignments

Project HOPE currently works in 29 countries around the world – with program sites in Latin America and the Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa, China and Southeast Asia, Russia/Eurasia, and the Middle East. The sites selected for each rotation will have supervising physician leadership and a clinical program in which a resident physician could make a contribution to the local health education and health care delivery systems. Given that all residencies require physician supervision, HOPE-affiliated physicians in the host country will commit to providing the requisite clinical supervision at the site. In making assignments, Project HOPE will seek to ensure consistency of annual program sites, to enable the development of a supportive infrastructure on the site and to foster relationships with the residents’ schools. An individualized scope of work will be developed for each scholarship, including objectives and an appropriate academic product, and a post-scholarship report would be required following each assignment.

The Project HOPE scholarship will cover:

- Evacuation insurance and traveler’s insurance costs
- Pre-deployment medical exam and vaccinations
- Any associated orientation costs
- One, round-trip economy class airline ticket
- Visa (as needed)
- Meals and lodging
- Airport transfers to/from host-nation airport and clinic/lodging

For the upcoming rotation, proposed sites will be:

- **Pristina Hospital, Kosovo** - Project HOPE has been working in Kosovo since 1992. With an office based in Macedonia, our goal is to provide programs ranging from community interventions to trainings for hospital-based health care providers. The ultimate goal is to support the development of the health systems throughout the region. In 2007, HOPE began implementing the Strategic Medical Resupply Program (SMRP), a program designed to improve the quality of care for patients in the Balkans region by providing targeted donations of medicines and medical supplies. More recently, HOPE is implementing a hospital-based program that provides hands-on trainings, lectures, and advanced skills to healthcare workers. We are currently focusing on Pediatrics, Women’s Health, OBGYN, and Oncology.

- **Herrera Clinic and HOPE Partner Medical Facilities, Dominican Republic** - Project HOPE has maintained consistent programs in the Dominican Republic for more than 20 years. Focused on improving maternal and child health, with special emphasis on preventing maternal and neonatal mortality, HOPE collaborates with primary care clinics and a large maternity hospital in Santo Domingo to provide care, build capacity of health workers at all levels, improve quality of care, and provide support and health education to families.

- **Skopje Pediatric Hospital, Macedonia** - In 1992, Project HOPE became the first health organization to provide humanitarian assistance to Macedonia, with the delivery to the Ministry of Health (MOH) of medicines and medical supplies, valued at approximately $1.9 million, and airlifted with the cooperation of the U.S. Military under the auspices of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Programs ranging from community interventions to the provision of training for hospital-based health care providers were implemented with one ultimate goal - to support the
development of the health systems in the region. This humanitarian assistance program is
demonstrably improving health services in the region during its difficult transition of the health
systems to meet global health care standards. Project HOPE has expanded on the current Strategic
Medical Resupply Program by including a health professional component to target the specific
training and experiential needs of the local caregivers. This site boasts a variety of opportunities,
from participating in counterpart educational exchange; to side-by-side mentoring in practical,
clinical setting; to teaching pre-determined, specific training programs.

- **Shanghai Children’s Medical Center (SCMC), China**- Project HOPE has been working to
improve the health of communities in China for more than 30 years through a strong partnership with
the National Health and Family Planning Commission of China (formerly known as the Ministry of
Health). Project HOPE helped develop the Shanghai Children’s Medical Center (SCMC), which
opened in 1998. SCMC is now the foremost children’s hospital in China, particularly for diagnosing
and treating children with cancer, congenital heart diseases and rare genetic diseases. SCMC
performed 3,685 open-heart surgeries in 2013 alone. Forty-five thousand new cases of pediatric
cancer are diagnosed each year in China. More than 14,000 young patients were treated for cancer at
the SCMC last year, and the seven-story oncology tower, which features a research laboratory, will
improve the SCMC’s capabilities in hematology and oncology research and clinical diagnosis.
Project HOPE continues to support SCMC through training of health care professionals and health
system strengthening.

**Timeline**

Annual scholarship applications will be available March 13, 2017 with an application deadline of April 21; candidate
review, screening, and phone interviews followed by final decision making by the advisory board on May 5. The
selected candidate(s) will be able to schedule a virtual orientation session with the Project HOPE office, based in
Virginia, during June-July. Deployment to the field will take place during the remaining 2017 calendar year,
depending on the schedules and availability of the residents selected, in coordination with the HOPE host site.
Project HOPE and the participating university will collaborate on resident orientation, which will include a review of
the scope of work and expectations, HOPE and University policies and procedures, travel and on-site logistical
arrangements, etc.

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**The Dr. Charles A. Sanders Legacy**

*Charles A. Sanders, M.D. has dedicated his career to extending the benefits of medical care to people and communities in
need around the world, and to advancing the role of prospective physicians in this humanitarian endeavor. Over the
course of this distinguished career, his knowledge and commitment have been employed in the corporate sector (including
leadership positions at Glaxo and directorships at several biopharmaceutical companies); academic medicine (University
of North Carolina Health Care System, Harvard University and Massachusetts General Hospital); national research
organizations (National Institutes of Health, Institute of Medicine); and the international NGO sector (a member of the
Project HOPE Board of Directors for more than 20 years and Chairman of the Board for 18).*

*Dr. Sanders is the longest-serving Chairman in Project HOPE’s 58-year history. Apart from HOPE’s founder Dr.
William B. Walsh, no individual has made a greater contribution to the growth and international expansion of the
organization and to its stature as a global leader in health education, medical training, and humanitarian assistance. As
a physician, Dr. Sanders has maintained HOPE’s focus on building the capacity of health care delivery systems in
developing and emerging countries around the world by training physicians and other professionals. This scholarship*
program recognizes and honors this commitment and supports the vital work to which Dr. Sanders has dedicated his life.
Application Requirements

All parts of the application must be submitted together. Individual pieces will not be accepted

For applications, submit a packet that includes the Application for Project HOPE International Health Scholarship (see next page) with attached:

1. Detailed statement of interest (maximum two single-spaced pages) that explains why this opportunity is in line with the resident physician’s career goals and would be a valuable opportunity. This should include:
   a. the purpose of the proposed experience;
   b. a brief description of any previous global health experiences;
   c. educational objectives with regard to the experience; and
   d. the dates/months of available elective time for travel

2. A letter of reference from a faculty physician who has worked with the resident applying DURING residency.

3. A letter of support from the residency director of the program in which the resident is currently participating.

4. An updated CV.

Submit applications to:

Project HOPE
c/o Global Volunteer Programs
255 Carter Hall Lane
PO Box 250
Millwood, VA 22657

Applications may also be submitted in a single PDF document to rray@projecthope.org

Applications are due by close of business on April 21, 2017
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Full name: University:

Specialty: Year of training:

Mailing Address:

Email: Phone:

Residency Director name and contact information:

Additional Faculty Recommendation:

Proposed dates/months available for global health elective experience:

By my signature below, I authorize the advisory committee for the Project HOPE International health scholarship to contact my residency director and additional faculty reference regarding to my academic standing and support for this application. I give my permission for the committee to review all materials pertinent to my application for this scholarship. I agree to purchase the required insurance policy providing repatriation and medical evacuation for a period covering the duration of my travel abroad and to comply with other recommendations and requirements proposed by the Project HOPE advisory board, staff and the participating university in administrating this scholarship. I also agree to prepare a written report of my experience at its conclusion.

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Signature        Date