2015-2016 UNC School of Medicine Medical Student Global Health Scholarship Application

This is a universal application for individual global health fellowships for UNC medical students offered through the UNC School of Medicine: the Perkins-Burke International Health Fellowship, the Becton-Tannenbaum Fellowship, Medical Alumni Loyalty Fund Global Enrichment Fellowship, the International Fellowship, and the Medical Foundation Privette Fellowship (for MS4s ONLY). Sections of the form are shared by all five fellowships, and other sections pertain to particular fellowships; please read carefully and fill out these sections accordingly. Only individual students are eligible for these awards; official UNC student groups are not eligible. For any questions about this process, please contact Shay Slifko (shay_slifko@med.unc.edu) in the Office of International Activities before completing the application.

Background

**Perkins-Burke Fellowship**
Each year, one outstanding first year UNC medical student will be selected as a Perkins-Burke International Fellow. Fellows are funded to pursue a global health experience in the summer before starting second year. Applicants design and plan an activity that allows them to experience or investigate an aspect of global health that positively and directly influences the health of people in the region they are studying. Preference may be given to those studying infectious diseases such as global tuberculosis or malaria and to students who have had limited opportunities for international travel previously. Language ability in the intended country of experience is also an important factor in selection. A selection committee composed of School of Medicine faculty reviews the applications, interviews the applicants and selects the awardee. The Perkins-Burke International Fellowship awardee will receive a minimum of $1,000 towards the cost of travel and expenses.

**Becton-Tannenbaum Fellowship**
The Becton-Tannenbaum International Medicine Fund is established through the generosity of Nancy Tannenbaum and John Becton. The Fund is an endowment held at The Medical Foundation of North Carolina, Inc. Each year a portion of the earnings is set aside to provide assistance to one or two UNC School of Medicine students desiring to travel to developing countries to experience a contrasting medical community or system. Following the travel experience, the medical student(s) recipient may be required to meet with the donors. The annual award provides funding for one or two UNC School of Medicine students desiring to travel to developing or “third world” countries to experience a contrasting medical community or system. The maximum award is $1,000.

**Medical Alumni Loyalty Fund Global Enrichment Fellowship**
With more and more students interested in global health, the Loyalty Fund, through generous donations from UNC medical alumni, is providing $4,500 to be split between two annual financial fellowships for first year students to undertake a global health elective. Each year, two outstanding first year UNC medical students will be selected as Medical Alumni Loyalty Fund Global Enrichment Fellows. Fellows will be funded to pursue a global health elective in the summer before starting second year. Applicants design and plan an activity that allows them to experience or investigate an aspect of global health that positively and directly influences the health of people in the region they are studying.
Preference may be given to students who have had limited opportunities for international travel previously. Language ability in the intended country of experience will also be an important factor in selection. The Fellowship Selection Committee reviews the applications, interviews the applicants and selects the awardees. The Medical Alumni Loyalty Fund Global Enrichment Fellowship awardees will receive $2,250 each towards the cost of travel and expenses.

**International Fellowship**
The School of Medicine Office of Student Affairs and Office of International Activities have a limited amount of scholarship funding to assist students with travel abroad for study and research anywhere outside the US. Although the amount of the stipend will not meet the entire cost of the educational experience, it is a significant supplement that will generally cover the cost of airfare. The minimum award is $1,000.

**Privette Fellowship**
The Privette Memorial Fund is the annual award established through the generosity of Dr. Douglas C. Privette ’76 in honor of his parents, Henry and Pauline Privette. With more and more students interested in global health, the Privette Memorial Fund is providing for an annual financial fellowship for a MS4 student to undertake a global health elective. This will be coordinated through the Office of International Activities, and the awarded student will work closely with a UNC SOM faculty mentor in selecting a placement site and defining educational objectives. Students who undertake international elective opportunities during medical school often incorporate their learning into their career in important ways, including increased emphasis on care of the underserved wherever they practice, increased sensitivity to cross-cultural issues in medicine, and leadership in public health and health care systems. This fellowship will offer one MS4 student this opportunity each year. The maximum award is $1,000.

**Overview**

Descriptions should outline a substantial educational experience that is well thought out and would not be possible in the United States. These global health experiences can be focused on supervised clinical care, a public health project, or research. Applicants must submit a proposal detailing the global health elective. (See page 2 for details.)

All scholarship recipients must complete travel health and safety requirements required by the Office of International Activities. This includes abiding by UNC-wide travel restrictions, obtaining emergency evacuation insurance, and completing and signing the UNC Travel Waiver. Medical students must also complete the two required on-line preparatory modules through the OIA (see [www.med.unc.edu/oia](http://www.med.unc.edu/oia)).

**Protection of the Rights of Human Subjects**

During a global health experience, students may participate in direct patient care and/or engage in other types of service-learning, or research, which may include handling confidential patient information. Whether providing direct clinical care, conducting interviews with patients or with health care providers, administering surveys or questionnaires, or participating in clinical research respect for the rights and interests of others obliges the protection of private information according to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).
All scholarship applicants who will be involved in research must discuss with their respective faculty mentors the need for Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. In general, if the experience involves human subject research, a research proposal must be submitted to the Office of Human Research Ethics (OHRE) to confirm compliance regarding the rights of human subjects. Please review the IRB site at www.ohre.unc.edu for more information.

Requirements

All parts of the application must be submitted in one single PDF document. The two Letters of Support are the only exception and can be submitted separately via email to Shay Slifko. Please ensure the sender includes your name in the email subject line. The completed application must be submitted as one single PDF document via email to Shay Slifko, OIA Program Manager at shay_slifko@med.unc.edu

1. Completed UNC SOM Global Health Scholarship Application (pages 5 and 6 as cover sheets).

2. A detailed description (two-page maximum) of the experience that specifically addresses:
   a) Overall purpose of the proposed global health experience;
   b) Background information on selected overseas site to include:
      (1) Location/geography and any issues regarding political stability and
      (2) Any potential personal safety and/or health risks; and
      (3) On-site supervision appropriate to level of training
   c) Rationale for choice of selected overseas site;
   d) At least THREE specific learning objectives;
   e) Language barriers and how they will be mitigated;
   f) Dates of travel and length of experience/project (must be a minimum of four weeks, excluding any additional sightseeing or travel. However, those accepted to partake in the 2-week Himalayan Health Exchange and confirmed for additional coursework are eligible to apply for this scholarship.)
   g) For research-focused experiences: Project description; faculty support; funding needs; and plans for IRB approval
   h) For public health-focused experiences: Project description; faculty support; funding needs and plans for IRB approval if any research involved
   i) For clinically-focused experiences: Anticipated patient-care responsibilities and supervision, and plans for scholarly activity. This would include any requirements of course work related to
this elective (e.g. peer presentation, webpage/blog, Foundations in Global Health course assignments)

NOTE: All components (a-i) MUST be addressed in your description. Descriptions with omitted information will receive lower scores.

3. A letter of support from a UNC SOM Faculty Advisor indicating support for the proposed experience. This could be your Advisory College Advisor or a specific faculty member you have worked with to plan this elective.

4. A second letter from the sponsoring organization or supervising faculty abroad, indicating approval of your proposal and experience. This sponsor must be directly involved with the agency or site where you will visit.

5. An updated curriculum vitae.

6. Attach a statement of prior international travel you have undertaken, if any. This statement should include both pleasure travel and academic travel and should cover time in medical school as well as travel completed prior to medical school.

7. Short-answer questions:

   a) In the space provided below (or on a separate sheet), please provide an estimated budget and explain your financial need for this scholarship support. Your estimate should include airfare, program fees, housing, food, vaccinations, and other expense you know you will incur.

   b) In the space provided below (or on a separate sheet), please discuss likelihood that this experience will offer opportunity for continued relationship/partnership (either for you or for other UNC trainees in subsequent years).
The student’s signature on the fellowship application authorizes the selection committee to query the Office of Student Affairs regarding the student’s academic standing. To ensure that a global health experience does not jeopardize a student’s ability to successfully complete medical school course work, students must be in good academic standing. Students who are having academic difficulty will not receive sponsorship from UNC in the form of funding or academic credit for a global health elective.

When accepting a fellowship, the student agrees to submit to the Office of International Activities, within SIX WEEKS of his or her return, a written report demonstrating the important aspects of the Fellowship experience (see OIA webpage for a link to this form). Students who are receiving academic credit must also complete any paper/project related to this as well as an evaluation of the experience. If the written report is not submitted within six weeks of return, a stop will be placed on the student’s account. Until the stop is removed, the student will be unable to register for courses, request transcripts, receive certification of USMLE applications, etc. Submit applications to:

Shay Slifko at shay_slifko@med.unc.edu

Office of International Activities

Due by 11PM on **February 15**
Application for UNC SOM Medical Student Global Health Scholarship

Applicant name:
Complete mailing address:
Email: Phone:
UNC SOM Faculty Advisor for this global health elective:
Anticipated date for completion of medical school:
Name of sponsoring institution overseas:
Complete mailing address:
Phone:
Name of overseas supervisor: Title:
Complete mailing address:
Email:
Elective dates: Travel dates:
Other monetary support received or applied for:
(Include name of funding agency or UNC program, name of award, period of award, and amount.)

By my signature below, I authorize the selection committee to query the Office of Student Affairs regarding my academic standing. I give my permission for the committee to review all materials pertinent to my application for these fellowships. Furthermore, I signal my understanding that a stop will be placed upon my account if I do not submit a final written summary and evaluation of my fellowship experience; a stop will prevent my registration in the future and may result in a delay of my graduation. I also agree to purchase the required insurance policy providing repatriation and medical evacuation for a period covering the duration of my travel abroad and complete any additional requirements. I understand I must meet any other requirements of UNC medical students for international travel.

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Signature    Date

This application, accompanied by all supporting documents, must be submitted to the Office of International Activities, by 11PM on **February 15**th.