This is the application for individual global health fellowships for MS4s offered through the UNC School of Medicine: the International Fellowship and the Medical Foundation Privette Fellowship. In an effort to better meet the travel and schedule needs of MS4s, we are offering this early application period specifically for MS4 students. You may also apply later this year (February) when the universal applications are offered to all medical students. Please read carefully and fill out all sections accordingly. For any questions about this process, please contact Shay Slifko in the Office of International Activities before completing the application.

Background

**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 $1000.

**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 an increasing number of 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 (if funding allows). 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 U.S. Applicants should demonstrate a unique advantage to their travel to a particular site, state a realistic goal or goals, explain the merit and feasibility of their project and explain how the experience will be supervised and is related to their personal educational goals. Applicants should address how they intend to deal with any potential language barriers that may be encountered. Students must be actively enrolled in medical school during the time of the project, and may receive credit if they enroll in an independent elective with a UNC faculty advisor for the experience. **Academic credit must be approved and is not granted automatically.** Preference is usually given to students without other sources of support, but a subsequent award may be considered for follow up on or continuing a prior project. All applying students must be in good academic standing and funded experiences must be completed before official graduation from medical school. All fellowship recipients must complete travel health and safety requirements for UNC medical students, including purchasing emergency evacuation insurance, registering their travels in the UNC Global Travel Registry, signing the Code of Conduct form online, and completing the two required on-line travel modules on Sakai through the OIA. **Refer to www.med.unc.edu/oia for the complete pre-travel check list of requirements for all medical students traveling internationally.**
Protection of the Rights of Human Subjects

During the fellowship experience students may participate in direct patient care and/or engage in other types of learning or research which includes confidential patient information. Whenever obtaining information that is not directly related to a patient’s care -- for example, when a student conducts interviews with patients or with health care providers, administers surveys or questionnaires, or takes part in clinical research -- respect for the rights and interests of others obliges you to inform those people as to why you are collecting the data. It is your duty to appropriately protect the privacy and confidentiality of those from whom you are gathering information.

All fellowship applicants must discuss the relevance of IRB approval with their faculty advisor and if appropriate (i.e. if the experience involves human subject research) submit their proposals to the Office of Human Research Ethics (OHRE) to confirm compliance regarding the rights of human subjects and the IRB. Please review the IRB site at www.ohre.unc.edu for more information in advance as this process can take months to complete and no research can be initiated until the IRB process is completed.

Application Requirements

All parts of the application must be submitted in one single PDF or word document (with the exception of the Letters of Support). Submitting multiple files will result in your application being considered incomplete. The two Letters of Support are the only exception and can be submitted by the applicant as part of the whole application or the letters can be submitted by the reference directly to Shay Slifko, OIA Program Manager at shay_slifko@med.unc.edu Please ensure the sender includes your name in the email subject line.

1. Completed UNC SOM Global Health Scholarship Application (page 5 below as the cover sheet).

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)

   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, paper, 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 of support from the hosting 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 the **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 FOUR WEEKS of his or her return, the completed Elective Evaluation form 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 four 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 September 15, 2016**
APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL OF MEDICINE MS4 FELLOWSHIPS

Individual Student:  

Class of:  

Address:  

Email:  

Phone:  

Faculty Advisor:  

Sponsor Abroad (name, title, full mailing address and email address, if available):  

Name:  

Title:  

Experience Dates:  

Travel Dates:  

Mailing Address:  

Email Address:  

I intend to apply for academic credit for my fellowship experience:  

☐ Yes  ☐ No  

(if yes: Students MUST have a faculty advisor who has approved this experience for credit BEFORE leaving the country)  

Other monetary support received or applied for:  

(include name of funding agency or UNC Program, name of award, period of award, and amount)  

Please attach the following to this application (full explanation found on the requirements sheet):  

1) Description of experience  
2) A letter of support from your UNC faculty advisor;  
3) A letter from your sponsor abroad;  
4) Updated CV  

Applications must be submitted to the Office of International Activities by September 15th no later than 11pm. Incomplete applications will not be considered.  

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 September 15th.