

UNC School of Medicine
Global Health Elective
Student Feedback Form

Information that you provide will be made available for future UNC students to use in planning educational electives in global health and international medicine. It must be completed in order to receive elective credit for your rotation OR funding through the Office of International Activities (Becton-Tannenbaum, Perkins Burke, Medical Alumni Loyalty Fund Global Enrichment Fellowships and International Health Fellowships). Please complete and return to the Office of International Activities (shawes@med.unc.edu or Martha_carlough@med.unc.edu)

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

- A. Student Name: Mathieu Forgues
B: Email: mattforgues@gmail.com C. Phone/cell number (optional): _____
D. Graduating year from UNC Medical School: 2014
E. Check when you took this elective:
 Summer between 1st and 2nd year 3rd year 4th year Other: _____
F. What UNC Department and course did you register for this elective through? Family Medicine
G. Faculty advisor: Martha Carlough
H. Dates that you completed the elective: May 1 - July 31 Year: 2013
I. From the list below, select the **one choice** that best describes your motivation for taking this elective:
 interest in global health desire to get experience for CV/job opportunities
 interest in travel family of origin reasons
 interest in helping others other: _____
 desire to learn/improve Spanish skills
J. What was the major emphasis of this elective:
 medical Spanish and Latino health
 global health research
 clinical care in an international setting
 community health/development
 Other: _____
K. Was this a _____ group experience or individual experience?

II. ELECTIVE PROGRAM INFORMATION

- A. Country where you completed the elective: Gabon
B. City: Lambarene
C. Name of Program or Hospital where you worked: Hopital Albert Schweitzer
D. Website address (if available): http://schweitzerfellowship.org/features/lamb/
E. From the list below, select the choice **that best describes** how you first learned about this program:
 referral from a friend/personal contact web site information from: _____
 another student who went there other: _____
F. Name of program person you worked with and contact information: Lachlan Forrow, MD, Program Director
lforrow@bidmc.harvard.edu
G. Costs
Tuition: UNC tuition costs Roundtrip travel: Included
Other expenses you incurred, including vaccinations, supplies (please list type and amount):
Vaccination and Visa application costs
(Yellow fever mandatory, typhoid/hep A/etc. recommended)
Around \$500 total - Fellowship may support some

H. Did this program/hospital have a religious affiliation? _____ YES NO

If yes, with what group: _____

I. Did this program/hospital have an academic affiliation? ___ YES NO

If yes, with what institution: _____

III. GLOBAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE CHARACTERISTICS

A. List three educational outcomes you achieved with this elective

1. Tropical Medicine
2. Rural Health
3. French Medical Fluency

B. Was the experience a good use of time for you during medical school? YES ___ NO

C. Did you have adequate clinical supervision? YES ___ NO

D. Did you have adequate opportunities for hands-on clinical work? YES ___ NO

E. Would you recommend this elective to other medical students? YES ___ NO

If YES, Why? _____

If NO, Why? _____

F. Was the program responsive to your needs? SomYES ___ NO

G. Did you have appropriate arrangements for housing, food and safety/health issues? YES ___ NO

If NO, please describe: _____

H. Did you have adequate information about what to expect in advance? YES ___ NO

If NO, what would have been helpful: _____

I. Did you feel that you had adequate support from UNC in setting up this opportunity? YES ___ NO

THANK YOU!!! THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP FUTURE STUDENTS !!!

Additional Comments:

The one negative is that there is a disconnect between the US Albert Schweitzer Foundation (who selects the fellows) and the hospital itself and the International/German/French Foundation(s) (who actually fund the fellows and are more directly involved with the running of the hospital). The Albert Schweitzer Foundation is a complex and convoluted organization, and I still don't understand how it all works, but no one who works at or visits the hospital on a regular basis is associated with the US ASF, which outside of this program works within the States. Some of this may change as the leadership of the Foundation is currently in flux. This is just a light word of warning that once you get there, any issues you may have aren't fixed with a simple phone call, and you are mostly on your own to work with the hospital administration.

Otherwise this was a great program and an incredible opportunity to do rural (Third World) medicine in a tropical African setting. You are given full autonomy and are expected to perform at a high level, and have to think on your feet with limited supplies. The staff is cordial and supportive of visiting students. Great rotation for students looking for more independence and international experience.

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