Global Health Education Programs
Clinical Electives for Senior Medical Students
Spring 2019

We are delighted to share information with you about clinical electives for senior students, supported by the Dean's Office and the Center for World Health at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

For the current academic year, we are pleased to offer funded positions for a limited number of senior medical students to pursue global health clinical rotations at unique sites in seven countries. These include well-established experiences in China, India, Malawi, Mozambique, Peru, South Africa (both rural and urban experiences), and Thailand, each with a set of well-developed goals and objectives. An overview of the rotations at each of these sites is posted on the Center for World Health website: [http://www.worldhealth.med.ucla.edu/index.php/learn/medical-students/global-health-clinical-electives/](http://www.worldhealth.med.ucla.edu/index.php/learn/medical-students/global-health-clinical-electives/), and a brief description of each experience is also attached with this application.

Please note that prior international experience is not required. Over the years, students selected to participate have included those with little to no international experience, to those with significant experience and a commitment to pursuing careers in global health.

Senior students may apply for one specific elective site, or may choose to apply for multiple experiences. If you choose to apply for more than one program, please rank them in your order of interest. Your personal statement should focus specifically on the reasons for selecting your first choice site. If you choose to apply for an alternate site or sites, please include an additional paragraph articulating your reasons for selecting each alternate site.

We anticipate selecting at least 20 students for three-week clinical rotations between March and April of 2019. Rotation dates are determined by the host site, so please consider your availability to participate during the designated dates, as outlined on the elective descriptions. Travel stipends of $1,500 will be provided for rotations in South America, $2,000 for rotations in Asia, and $2,500 for rotations in sub-Saharan Africa. Funding is intended to contribute to the expenses of pre-travel preparations (including pre-travel health care expenses), roundtrip airfare, and in-country accommodation and food for a three-week rotation, but will not cover total costs of participation.

Applications must be received no later than Monday, September 24, 2018 at 4PM in the Global Health Education Programs office (CHS 13-154). Interviews will be scheduled at the following times:

- Friday, October 5, 1:00pm – 4:00pm
- Saturday, October 6, 10:30am – 5:00pm
- Tuesday, October 9, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

After submitting your application, you will be contacted to choose an interview date, in the order in which applications are received.
**Application Requirements:**

To be eligible, applicants must be in good academic standing. Your completed application file will include the following:

1. Application Form
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Signed Code of Conduct/Attestation Statement (attached)
4. Personal Statement. Your personal statement should include a discussion of your career plans, and the specific reasons for wanting to participate in an international experience. You must also share an explanation for your interest in your elective choice, as well as an additional paragraph for each alternate site to which you’re also applying.
5. Recommendation Form (attached) to be completed by your Assistant Dean for Student Affairs (alternatively, Drew students may choose to have their form completed by Dr. Calmes). Please complete the top of this form before emailing the form to your Dean, who will in turn forward all completed forms to Dr. Traci Wells.
6. Recommendation Form (attached) from two faculty members with whom you have worked in a clinical setting, who can address your clinical skills, interpersonal skills, cultural sensitivity, maturity and adaptability.
7. Application Checklist. Please complete this form and submit with your other application materials

**You may choose to submit hard copies of your application, or alternatively transmit electronic copies of all parts of the required application. If you do submit hard copies, please print single-sided and without staples.**

**Selection Criteria:**

The Selection Committee will review each application, and all applicants will be required to interview with faculty members from the Selection Committee. Review criteria include the following:

1. Quality and content of your personal statement (including your ability to articulate your motivation for pursuing a global health experience, and what you hope to gain from it)
2. How well-matched your interests are with the selected elective site(s)
3. Strength of recommendations submitted on your behalf
4. Your ability to complete the requirements of the rotation, including dates established by each site, participation in the pre-travel orientation program on January 12, 2019, and participation in the post-travel feedback session on Thursday, May 30, 2019 here in Los Angeles. Please review the individual site descriptions to learn more about specific requirements and expectations for students at each site, and the specific rotation dates for 2019.
5. Emotional stability, maturity, and ability to work in an area with limited resources
6. The interview
**Timeline:**

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The application details that follow also highlight an additional scholarship (above and beyond the published stipends for each elective). Please review the eligibility criteria for the Class of ’98 Scholarship in International Health, and let us know if you have any questions.

Please note that the offices of the Center for World Health’s Global Health Education Programs are located in CHS 13-154, just down the hall from the Biomedical Library. We look forward to meeting with students there, or you can direct specific questions regarding these electives and the application process to Dr. Traci Wells at twells@mednet.ucla.edu.

Thank you for your interest in our clinical electives for senior medical students!

Sincerely,

Lee Miller, MD  
Dan DeUgarte, MD  
Fola May, MD, PhD  
Traci Wells, PhD
UCLA Center for World Health

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APPLICATION FORM

Student’s Name: _________________________________________________________________
Last                                First              Middle

DGSOM Class of: ________________________________________________________________

UCLA ID Number: ______________________________________________________________

Contact Information:
Address:  _________________________________________________________________
Street Address

_________________________________________________________________
City, State and Zip Code

Telephone #:  ____________________________   (Home) Date of Birth:  ____________________________
Telephone #:  ____________________________    (Cell)  Email:   ____________________________

Emergency Contact Information:
Name:  ______________________________________
Relationship: _______________________________________
Telephone: _______________________________________
Email:  _______________________________________

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APPLICATION FORM - Page 2

Citizenship:

US Citizen?

[ ] Yes  [ ] No  *IF No, Citizenship: ________________________________
*Required for determining visa requirements for travel

Proficiency in Second Language:

[ ] Spanish  [ ] Portuguese  [ ] Mandarin  [ ] Thai  [ ] Other

Comments:
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

Academic Standing:

I am in good academic standing.

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

Elective Requests:

Please select your first choice site (#1). You may also choose to rank additional preferences:

- Bangkok, Thailand
- Cape Town, South Africa
- Chennai, India
- Hangzhou, China
- Iquitos, Peru
- Lilongwe, Malawi
- Maputo, Mozambique
- Ubombo, South Africa
Class of '98 Scholarship in International Health:

We are pleased to offer two scholarships of $1000 each for global health electives, sponsored by the Class of '98. Founding member Dr. Joseph Copeland and the Class of '98 are keen to support students with limited exposure to global health, and/or those who have a strong interest, but limited financial means.

If you would like to be considered for this scholarship, please check the box on the application form, and include a paragraph in your personal statement explaining how you meet one or both of the above criteria.

[ ] Yes    [ ] No
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FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM – Page 1

Student’s Name: ________________________________________________________________

Faculty Member’s name: ________________________________________________________

1st choice elective site: ________________________________

2nd choice elective site: ________________________________

_____ (I waive) _____ (I do not waive) my right to see this Recommendation Form

_________________________                             ____________________
(Student’s signature)                               (Date)
For Faculty Members: The senior student above has applied to participate in a global health clinical elective in the spring of 2019 in one of eight clinical settings (China, India, Malawi, Mozambique, Peru, urban or rural South Africa, or Thailand). We would greatly appreciate your assessment of the student’s clinical skills, as well as his or her maturity, adaptability, emotional stability and ability to work in an area with limited resources.

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6. Ability to “think outside of the box”

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8. Setting(s) in which you have worked with this student:

9. How long have you known this student, and how well do you know him or her?

10. We would appreciate additional comments and feedback (please attach additional page if you would like to share more with the Selection Committee):

(Faculty Member’s Signature)         (Date)

Please return this completed form by **September 24, 2018** to the Offices of the Center for World Health via:

1. Interoffice Mail to the Global Health Education Programs in CHS 13-154
2. Fax to 310-825-3157 – Attention Traci
3. Email to Dr. Traci Wells (twells@mednet.ucla.edu)

Please call 310-825-2215 with any questions.

Thank you for providing your feedback!
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DEAN’S RECOMMENDATION FORM – Page 1

To be completed by Drs. Calmes, Fitzgerald, Lehman, Middlekauff or Napolitano and returned to Dr.  
Traci Wells at twells@mednet.ucla.edu

Student’s name: _____________________________________________________________________________________________

1st choice elective site: ________________________________

2nd choice elective site: ________________________________

3rd choice elective site:_________________________________

Part A – Eligibility:

The above student is eligible to apply for a senior clinical elective through the Global Health Education  
Program, given the following:

1. The student is in Good Academic/Professional Standing
2. The student has had no clerkship failures based on clinical performance
3. No problems with academic performance or professionalism have been identified that might raise  
   concern for participation in this program.

Part B - Assessment

1. Clinical Skills

   Possible Concern       No Concern       Excellent       Outstanding
   ☐                      ☐                  ☐              ☐

2. Communication Skills

   Possible Concern       No Concern       Excellent       Outstanding
   ☐                      ☐                  ☐              ☐
3. Interpersonal Skills

Possible Concern  No Concern  Excellent  Outstanding
☐  ☐  ☐  ☐

4. Maturity

Possible Concern  No Concern  Excellent  Outstanding
☐  ☐  ☐  ☐

5. Emotional Stability

Possible Concern  No Concern  Excellent  Outstanding
☐  ☐  ☐  ☐

6. Ability to “think outside of the box”

Possible Concern  No Concern  Excellent  Outstanding
☐  ☐  ☐  ☐

7. Cultural Sensitivity

Possible Concern  No Concern  Excellent  Outstanding
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Part C – Comments:

___________________________________________________  _____________________________________

Signature of Dean                                                                                                                 Date
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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Name: __________________________________________

Please check off the items below and submit this Application Checklist along with your other application materials:

[ ] Application Form (all sections completed)
[ ] Curriculum Vitae
[ ] Letter of Support from Assistant or Associate Dean for Student Affairs
[ ] Personal Statement (limit 1 page, font Arial 11 with 1 inch margins)
[ ] Signed Code of Conduct/Attestation Statement
[ ] Requested completion of the Faculty Recommendation Form from the following two faculty members with whom you have worked closely in a clinical setting:

Name of Faculty Recommender: ____________________________
Department: __________ Location: ________________
Email: ________________________________

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