

## Global Health Program Global Clinical Electives for Senior Medical Students Spring 2026

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

For the current academic year, we are pleased to offer funded opportunities for a limited number of senior medical students to pursue global health clinical rotations in 10 countries. These include experiences in sub-Saharan Africa (Malawi, Mozambique and South Africa) ... Latin America (Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, and Peru) ... and Asia (China, India and Thailand). Please note that the availability of these electives in 2026 is contingent on university and medical school policies regarding travel for students, as well as world events, safety conditions, and policies at our partner sites.

Each of these rotations has a set of well-developed [goals and objectives](#). An overview of the rotations at each of these sites is posted on the [Global Health Program website](#).

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.

Students may apply for one specific elective site or express interest in more than one site. If you choose to apply for more than one location, please rank them in your order of interest. Your application 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 approximately 35-40 students for three-week clinical rotations between March and April of 2026. Please consider your availability to participate during the designated dates, as outlined on the elective descriptions, as the dates are not flexible.

The Global Health Program will book roundtrip flights and provide a small stipend (for those sites with housing and other costs) to offset some of the costs associated with the rotation, including visas and immunizations, as well as in-country accommodation for a three-week rotation. Please note, though, that [this stipend will most likely not cover the total costs of participation](#).

Applications must be submitted no later than **Monday, September 8, 2025 4:59 PM** via **Qualtrics**.

Interviews will be scheduled at the following times:

**Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from 2:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

All students selected must make a commitment to participate in the **mandatory** pre-travel orientation on **Saturday, January 31, 2026**, and the post-travel feedback session on **Thursday, May 28, 2026** here in Los Angeles. Please only apply for one of these electives if you can fully commit to participating in both activities.

#### Application Requirements:

To be eligible, applicants must be in good academic and professional standing. Your completed application package on Qualtrics should include the following:

1. [Application Form](#)
2. [Curriculum Vitae](#) (upload via Qualtrics)
3. [Signed Code of Conduct/Attestation Statement](#)
4. [Recommendation Form from a Dean](#)-- This should be completed by your Society Dean (or Dr. Calmes for Drew student).
  - On Qualtrics and in the provided link above, you will find a link to send to your society Dean to request a recommendation. Your Dean will be provided with the required password.
5. [Application Checklist](#) (available on Qualtrics)

\*Prior to beginning your application on [Qualtrics](#), please review the **Application Package below** for prompts, essays, and required details.

**Once again, all application materials should be submitted via Qualtrics by 4:59PM PST on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**Selection Criteria:**

The Selection Committee will review each application carefully based on set criteria. Review criteria include the following:

1. Quality of the responses to the questions posed in the application (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. Your ability to complete the requirements of the rotation, including participation in the pre-travel orientation program on Saturday, January 31, 2026, arranging your elective schedule that aligns with the fixed dates of each elective, and your participation in the post-travel feedback session on Thursday, May 28, 2026, on campus.

Please be sure to review the individual site descriptions to learn more about specific requirements and expectations for students at each site, and the specific rotation dates for 2026.

**Timeline:**

Application Deadline	September 8, 2025 at 4:59 PM via Qualtrics
Notification of Final Decisions	Mid to late October
<b>Mandatory</b> Pre-Travel Orientation	Saturday, January 31, 2026 (in-person, all day)
<b>Mandatory</b> Feedback Session	Thursday, May 28, 2026 from 12-2 PM (in person)

Please direct specific questions regarding these electives and the application process to Dr. Traci Wells at [TWells@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:TWells@mednet.ucla.edu).

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

Sincerely,

The GHP Team

**Global Health Program  
Clinical Electives for Senior Medical Students  
Application Form- Page 1**

**Basic Information:**

**Name:**

**Last**

**First**

**DGSOM Class of:**

**UCLA ID Number:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Contact Information:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Address:**

**Emergency Contact Information:**

**Name:**

**Last**

**First**

**Relationship:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Citizenship:**

Yes

No

US Citizen?

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\*If No, Citizenship:

\*Required for determining visa requirements for travel

**Passport information:**

Current passport expiration date:

\*Passports must be valid for 6 months after May 2026

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Please rank your level of proficiency in the following languages:

	None	Beginner	Conversational	Fluent	Native Speaker
Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portuguese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mandarin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thai	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arabic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					

**Academic Standing:**

	Yes	No
I am in good academic standing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Intended Specialty:**

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**Elective Requests:**

(If interested in more than one, please rank them)

<a href="#">Porto Alegre, Brazil</a>	
<a href="#">Hangzhou, China</a>	
<a href="#">Quito, Ecuador</a>	
<a href="#">Mumbai, India</a>	
<a href="#">Lilongwe, Malawi</a>	
<a href="#">Tijuana, Mexico</a>	
<a href="#">Maputo, Mozambique</a>	
<a href="#">Iquitos, Peru</a>	
<a href="#">Cape Town, South Africa</a>	
<a href="#">KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa</a>	
<a href="#">Bangkok (Siriraj Hospital), Thailand</a>	
<a href="#">Bangkok (Thammasat University Hospital), Thailand</a>	

## **Clinical Electives for Senior Medical Students APPLICATION Checklist**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

- ☐ Application form (all sections complete)
- ☐ Responses to application questions (found below)
- ☐ Curriculum Vitae
- ☐ Requested Recommendation from your Dean-- This should be completed by your Society Dean (or Dr. Calmes for Drew student).
  - Please send the following link to your Society Dean, so that they may complete your recommendation. [https://uclahs.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_efjG9qbAtappFcO](https://uclahs.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efjG9qbAtappFcO)
- ☐ Signed [Code of Conduct/Attestation Statement](#)

**\*\* The link to the Dean's recommendation forms can also be found on the [GHP website](#)**

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## **Global Health Program Application Essays**

- 1. How do you think participating in a global health rotation will contribute to your personal and professional growth?**

Please address this question with your rotation choices in mind.

- 2. What steps will you take to prepare yourself for this global health clinical rotation?**