GHP | Global Health Program

**Global Health Program**

**Global Clinical Electives for Senior Medical Students**

**Spring 2024**

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. Please note that the availability of these electives in 2024 is contingent on DGSOM’s policies regarding travel for trainees, as well as the safety conditions and policies at our partner sites.

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 in 10 countries. These include well-established experiences in Brazil, China, India, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Peru, South Africa (both rural and urban experiences), and Thailand, in addition to two new rotations in Lebanon and Ecuador. Each of these rotations has a set of well-developed [goals and objectives](https://ucla.oasisscheduling.com/public/courses/index.html?yid=2022&slid=4). An overview of the rotations at each of these sites is posted on the Global Health Program website:

<https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives>.

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 approximately 35-40 students for three-week clinical rotations between March and April of 2024. 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. The Global Health Program will book roundtrip flights and provide a small stipend to offset some of the costs associated with the rotation, including visas and immunizations, as well as in-country accommodation and food for a three-week rotation. Please note, though, that this stipend ***will most likely not*** completely cover the total costs of participation.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday, September 1, 2023 11:59 PM** via email to Dr. Traci Wells at [TWells@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:TWells@mednet.ucla.edu) and Ms. Vijeta Vaswani at [VVaswani@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:VVaswani@mednet.ucla.edu).

Interviews will be scheduled at the following times:

**Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Thursday, September 14, 2023, from 2:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, September 21, 2023, from 3:00 – 5:00 PM**

All students selected must make a commitment to participate in the **mandatory** pre-travel orientation program on **Saturday, February 11, 2024,** and the post-travel feedback session on **Thursday, May 30, 2024** here in Los Angeles.

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 will include the following:

1. Application Form (attached)\*
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 a global health rotation. 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.

Please limit your statement to 1 page, font Arial 11 with 1-inch margins

1. Recommendation Form from a Dean (attached)\*

This should be completed by your Society Dean (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 Vijeta Vaswani.

1. Recommendation Forms (attached)\*

These should be sent directly to Vijeta Vaswani 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.

1. Application Checklist (attached)\*

Please complete this form and submit with your other application materials

**\*Application materials can also be found on the** [GHP website.](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/)

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**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
4. Your ability to complete the requirements of the rotation, including dates established by each site, participation in the pre-travel orientation program on Saturday, February 11, 2024 and participation in the post-travel feedback session on Thursday, May 30, 2024 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 2024.
5. Emotional stability, maturity, and ability to work in an area with limited resources
6. The interview

**Timeline:**

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| Application Deadline | September 1, 2023 at 11:59 PM via email |
| Interviews | **Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 11:00 – 5:00PM**  **Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 2:00 – 6:00PM**  **Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 3:00 – 5:00PM** |
| Notification of Final Decisions | Mid to late October |
| **Mandatory** Pre-Travel Orientation | Saturday, February 11, 2024 (in-person, all day) |
| **Mandatory** Feedback Session | Thursday, May 30, 2024 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,

Lee Miller, MD

Traci Wells, PhD

Vijeta Vaswani, MPH

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**Application Form- Page 1**

**Basic Information:**

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| **UCLA ID Number:** |  |

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| **Date of Birth:** |  |

**Contact Information:**

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**Emergency Contact Information:**

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**Citizenship:**

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|  | Yes | No |  |
| US Citizen? |  |  |
| \*If No, Citizenship: |  | | |
|  | \*Required for determining visa requirements for travel | | |

**Passport information:**

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| Current passport expiration date: |  |
|  | \*Passports must be valid for 6 months after April 2024 |

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**Application Form- Page 2**

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| **Please rank your level of proficiency in the following languages:** | | | | | | |
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| Mandarin | |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thai | |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arabic |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (specify): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comments: |  | | | | | |

**Academic Standing:**

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|  | Yes | No |
| I am in good academic standing |  |  |

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| **Intended Specialty:** |  |

**Elective Requests:**

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| [Porto Alegre, Brazil](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/porto-alegre-brazil) |  |
| [Hangzhou, China](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/hangzhou-china) |  |
| [Quito, Ecuador](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/quito-ecuador)  https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/quito-ecuador |  |
| [Mumbai, India](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/mumbai-india) |  |
| [Beirut, Lebanon](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/beirut-lebanon) |  |
| [Lilongwe, Malawi](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/lilongwe-malawi) |  |
| [Tijuana, Mexico](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/tijuana-mexico) |  |
| [Maputo, Mozambique](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/maputo-mozambique) |  |
| [Iquitos, Peru](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/iquitos-peru) |  |
| [Cape Town, South Africa](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/cape-town-south-africa) |  |
| [KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/kwazulu-natal-south-africa) |  |
| [Bangkok (Siriraj Hospital), Thailand](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/bangkok-thailand/#Siriraj)  Bangkok (Siriraj Hospital), Thailand |  |
| [Bangkok (Thammasat University Hospital), Thailand](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives/bangkok-thailand/#Thammasat) |  |

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**APPLICATION Checklist**

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| **Name:** |  |

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

Application form (all sections complete)

Curriculum Vitae

Requested Recommendation from a 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:

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| **Name of 1st faculty recommender:** |  |
| **Department:** |  |
| **Location:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |

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| **Name of 2nd faculty recommender:** |  |
| **Department:** |  |
| **Location:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |

**\*\* Faculty and Dean’s recommendation forms can also be found as separate documents on the** [GHP website](https://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/medical-students/clinical-electives/primary-partner-electives)

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**First Faculty Recommendation Form - Page 1**

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| **Student’s name:** |  |

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| **Faculty Member’s name:** |  |

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| **1st choice elective site:** |  |

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| **2nd choice elective site:** |  |

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| **Please choose one of the following statements:** | |
|  | I WAIVE my right to see this Recommendation Form |
|  | I DO NOT waive my right to see this Recommendation Form |

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| **Student signature:** |  | **Date:** | Click or tap to enter a date. |

**First Faculty Recommendation Form – Page 2**

**For Faculty Members:** The senior student above has applied to participate in a global health clinical elective in the Spring of 2024 in one of thirteen clinical settings (in either Brazil, China, Ecuador, India, Lebanon, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Peru, urban or rural South Africa, or two locations in 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.**

1. **Clinical skills**

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1. **Communication skills**

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1. **Interpersonal skills**

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1. **Maturity**

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1. **Emotional stability**

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1. **Ability to “think outside the box”**

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1. **Cultural sensitivity**

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**First Faculty Recommendation Form – Page 3**

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| 1. **Setting(s) in which you have worked with this student:** |
| Please add your response |
| 1. **How long have you known this student, and how well do you know him or her?** |
| Please add your response |
| 1. **We would appreciate additional comments and feedback (please attach additional page if you would like to share more with the Selection Committee):** |
| Please add your response |

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| **Faculty Member’s signature** |  | **Date:** | Click or tap to enter a date. |

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Thank you for providing your feedback.

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**Second Faculty Recommendation Form - Page 1**

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| **Student’s name:** |  |

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| **Faculty Member’s name:** |  |

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| **1st choice elective site:** |  |

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| **2nd choice elective site:** |  |

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| **Please choose one of the following statements:** | |
|  | I WAIVE my right to see this Recommendation Form |
|  | I DO NOT waive my right to see this Recommendation Form |

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| **Student signature:** |  | **Date:** | Click or tap to enter a date. |

**Second Faculty Recommendation Form – Page 2**

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1. **Clinical skills**

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1. **Communication skills**

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1. **Maturity**

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1. **Emotional stability**

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1. **Ability to “think outside the box”**

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1. **Cultural sensitivity**

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**Second Faculty Recommendation Form – Page 3**

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| 1. **Setting(s) in which you have worked with this student:** |
| Please add your response |
| 1. **How long have you known this student, and how well do you know him or her?** |
| Please add your response |
| 1. **We would appreciate additional comments and feedback (please attach additional page if you would like to share more with the Selection Committee):** |
| Please add your response |

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| **Faculty Member’s signature** |  | **Date:** | Click or tap to enter a date. |

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**Dean’s Recommendation Form - Page 1**

To be completed by Drs. Calmes, Fitzgerald, Lehman, Middlekauff or Smart and returned to Vijeta Vaswani at [VVaswani@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:VVaswani@mednet.ucla.edu).

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| **Student’s name:** |  |

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| **1st choice elective site:** |  |

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| **2nd choice elective site:** |  |

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| **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**

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1. **Communication skills**

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1. **Interpersonal skills**

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**Dean’s Recommendation Form - Page 2**

1. **Maturity**

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1. **Emotional stability**

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1. **Ability to “think outside the box”**

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1. **Cultural sensitivity**

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| **Part C – Comments:** |
| Please add your response |

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| **Signature of the Dean** |  | **Date:** | Click or tap to enter a date. |

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