

Global Health Program

Global Clinical Electives for Senior Medical Students

Spring 2025

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 11 countries. These include experiences in sub-Saharan Africa (Malawi, Mozambique and South Africa) ... Latin America (Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, and Peru) ... Asia (China, India and Thailand) ... and the Middle East (Lebanon). Please note that the availability of these electives in 2025 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.

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.

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. As part of the application process, you will be asked to share your reasons for selecting each site.

We anticipate selecting approximately 35-40 students for three-week clinical rotations between March and April of 2025. 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 (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 2, 2024 11:59 PM** via **Qualtrics**.

After all application materials are reviewed, there may be meetings set up for Dr. Miller and Dr. Wells to connect with applicants individually (not for a formal interview process, but to address your interests and potential placement possibilities).

All students selected must make a commitment to participate in the [mandatory](#) pre-travel orientation on [Saturday, January 11, 2025](#), and the post-travel feedback session on [Thursday, May 29, 2025](#) 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 11:59PM PST on Monday, September 2nd, 2024.

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
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 11, 2025, 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 29, 2025, 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 2025.

Timeline:

Application Deadline	September 2, 2024 at 11:59 PM via Qualtrics
Notification of Final Decisions	Mid to late October
Mandatory Pre-Travel Orientation	Saturday, January 11, 2025 (in-person, all day)
Mandatory Feedback Session	Thursday, May 29, 2025 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.

If you have any questions about submitting your application, please feel free to contact Vijeta Vaswani, the Program Coordinator for GHP, at VVaswani@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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*If No, Citizenship: _____

*Required for determining visa requirements for travel

Passport information:

Current passport expiration date: _____

*Passports must be valid for 6 months after April 2025

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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:

Elective Requests:

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

- [Porto Alegre, Brazil](#) _____
- [Hangzhou, China](#) _____
- [Quito, Ecuador](#) _____
- [Mumbai, India](#) _____
- [Beirut, Lebanon](#) _____
- [Lilongwe, Malawi](#) _____
- [Tijuana, Mexico](#) _____
- [Maputo, Mozambique](#) _____
- [Iquitos, Peru](#) _____
- [Cape Town, South Africa](#) _____
- [KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa](#) _____
- [Bangkok \(Siriraj Hospital\), Thailand](#) _____
- [Bangkok \(Thammasat University Hospital\), Thailand](#) _____

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_8rghgaBkdBjEJlc
- 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. Prompt-** *You are on an elective rotation in Mozambique and seeing outpatients in a satellite clinic and a private driver takes you and two other students to and from the clinic each day. On the way back to the city in the mid-afternoon, the driver asks you if you would like to visit his home and meet his family in a neighboring village about 20 minutes away. This is your last week on the rotation, and you have enjoyed your conversations with the driver over the prior weeks. You and your fellow students tell him that you would love the opportunity to meet his family and to learn more about his community.*

After turning off the main road and driving down a long and dusty country road, you arrive at a residential community. The driver slows down and turns onto a narrow dirt road lined by small single room homes. After several more turns on similarly unpaved roads, you enter a dirt driveway and arrive in a courtyard with five surrounding homes. Three of the homes are wooden structures with metal roofs, and two of the homes have clay walls. There are children playing in the courtyard who run excitedly to greet their new visitors. Your driver's wife comes out of one of the homes to welcome you warmly, telling you that she has heard so much from her husband about the students from America that he has gotten to know over the prior weeks.

It's an exceptionally hot day and the air conditioning had not been working in the transport vehicle. The wife notices that you and your classmates are hot and runs into her home to bring you cups of water.

The neighbors come out to meet you, as well. They learn from the driver that you are all doctors from America. One of the neighbors tell you that she is worried about her daughter because she has been coughing a lot and not getting better with "medicine." She points to an adolescent sitting on a crate in front of her home. You walk over to say hello to the daughter who appears tired but not in distress. The mother runs into the home and comes out with a chest X-Ray in her hand that she was given after taking her daughter to the local clinic. That clinic is over an hour away by foot.

There is only one doctor for this community and the three next villages, and he is adored by the community.

You hold the X-Ray up to the light and see many small infiltrates throughout both lungs that seem consistent with miliary TB. The mother also hands you the medicine container that her daughter was given at the clinic. There are 4 amoxicillin pills in the container.

How would you handle the situation?

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