

UAMS Global Health Fellowship 2018 Spring Application

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Office of Global Health (OGH) Global Health Fellowship-Call for Applications (*Award Amount: \$1,000-\$1,500*)

Thank you for your interest in becoming a UAMS Global Health Fellow. This application is for the 2018 Spring fellowship (February-June 2018). Your application will be reviewed by the Office of Global Health and UAMS workforce members.

If you have any problems with this application or have questions, please email globalhealth@uams.edu.

Applications will close at 5pm on September 30, 2017. Only fully completed applications will be considered.

The 2018 Summer Global Health Fellowship (June-August) application will open in March 2018.

Purpose of Global Health Fellowship Award

The awards will provide financial support for travel and other expenses associated with student practice and research addressing global health issues. The awards will support the development of an interdisciplinary community of global health students and faculty at UAMS. The UAMS OGH's approach to global health is inspired by a vision of equity-oriented inter-professional collaborative practice and research that seeks to foster collaborative learning in and across the US and the Global South.

Eligibility

All students within UAMS' five colleges and its graduate school are invited to apply for the UAMS Global Health Fellowship.

Practicum Requirements

Receipt of the award is contingent upon a practice/research field experience/practicum that meets the following requirements:

- Students should identify a faculty member to serve as an advisor to develop an appropriate project that includes objectives/deliverables based on input from the faculty advisor & host site
- Students should identify a supervisor from the host site
- Students should develop a project in partnership with one of the OGH sites (Belize, Costa Rica, Ghana or China, see OGH website for a more detailed description of each site). If a student is interested in a site not listed as an OGH partner, the student must provide clear justification as to why they have selected an alternative site. *Preference will be given to sites where OGH has existing partnerships.*
- Student selected project should be centered around one of the following:
 - Health Behavior and Health Education
 - Epidemiology
 - Primary Care
 - Maternal and Child Health
 - Pharmacy
 - Nursing
 - Health Related Profession
- Projects should incorporate the following:
 - Carefully assess and identify methods for strengthening and focusing existing capacities and resources for health program and site sustainability.
 - Ensure collaborations represent the social, economic, and cultural diversity of the community.
 - Apply the fundamental principles of both domestic and international standards for the protection of human research subjects in diverse cultural settings.
 - Employ social justice frameworks to highlight the root causes of health inequities.
 - Develop methods for publishing messages about a project's progress and impact.
 - Integrate multi-dimensional factors into the planning, implementation, and evaluation of health interventions. (Multi-dimensional factors include: social, demographic, cultural, and political.)
 - Present evaluation findings and lessons learned to program beneficiaries and stakeholders
 - Attach any custom (optional) additional competencies addressed by your project experience
- Projects should address at least one of the following competencies

- Patient-Centered Medical Care;
 - Effective Communication and Interpersonal Skills;
 - Medical Knowledge and Scholarship;
 - Health Systems Awareness and Team-Based Care;
 - Personal Awareness and Self-Care;
 - Community Engagement and Service;
 - Continuous Learning and Quality Improvement;
 - Professional Behavior and Moral Reasoning;
 - Skills necessary to conduct epidemiological field investigations
- Students must fulfill all practicum requirements or return the scholarship funds; this includes all paperwork, preparation assignments, written assignments, evaluations, and presentation requirements (specific requirements will be outlined in the award notice).

Available Funding

Travel funds may not be deferred and must be used for the intended request within that academic year. Students may not receive funding to destinations with a travel warning issued by the U.S. State Department.

Application Process

To apply for the Global Health Fellowship Award, please email the documents listed below, as a single collated PDF file, to globalhealth@uams.edu by **5pm on September 30, 2017**.

- Resume/cv;
- A letter of recommendation from a UAMS faculty advisor;
- A 1-2 page Letter of Intent
- Itemized project budget (applicants may use general estimates for airfare, housing, immunizations, visa fees, etc.);

The Global Health Fellowship Awards will be announced on October 31, 2017

Members from the UAMS Office of Global Health and UAMS workforce members will make up the award review committee.

Practicum Requirements

Pre Practicum:

- 1. Students are required to complete a set of online, self-study cross-cultural exercises to develop and enhance their ability to work effectively in different cultural settings.**
- 2. A Waiver is required for all students planning an international practicum. A planning checklist will be provided as a guide. Mid-Practicum:**
 - Throughout the planning and implementation of your practicum, you must maintain interaction with your site preceptor. This is an opportunity to clarify how things are going and to refine any scope of work.. Summarize this meeting and communicate any adjustments made with your Faculty Advisor, and the Office of Global Health.**

Post Practicum:

You must submit the following items within 21 days of your return to UAMS:

- Complete an Assessment of your practicum,**
- Have your Field Supervisor submit an assessment of your performance, (if your college requires an assessment for academic credit, you may submit the same assessment to our office as well).**
- Complete a Trip Report as a deliverable, and**
- Submit an abstract of your project, present a power point presentation during the GH Fellows Grand Rounds. Your abstract should not be more than 1,000 words.**

Reference Form

APPLICANT: Please complete the following information

Name of Applicant (last/first/middle)

Phone Number

Address (number Street/city/state/zip)

Name of Reference Person

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Read the following statement carefully and indicate your choice:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 entitles students to have access to letters of evaluation unless they waive the right.

- I do waive my right of access to this letter of evaluation.
- I do not waive my right of access to this letter of evaluation.

To waive your right of access, sign your name on the line below the following statement. I, the undersigned, hereby waive all rights or privileges provided by Public Law 93-360 to inspect or challenge the content and comments appearing in this letter of recommendation. I agree that the observations made in this letter should be confidential between the writer and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Social Work.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

REFERENCE PERSON: Please complete the following information.

The person named above is applying for the Office of Global Health Fellows Application at UAMS, and has given your name as a work or academic reference. Your assessment of this person will assist the Office of Global Health Steering Committee. If the applicant has waived his/her right of access above, your comments will be held completely confidential. Please complete both sides of this form and return before the application deadline. If additional sheets of paper are needed, please staple them to the form.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

Evaluate the applicant as fairly as you can in each category by placing a "✓" in the appropriate column.

	Poor	Average	Good	Outstanding	Unable to Judge
Intellectual Ability					
Academic Achievement					
Creative Qualities					
Maturity and Emotional Stability					
Leadership Potential					
Initiative					
Ability to Express Ideas and Feelings Verbally					
Ability to Accept Constructive Feedback					
Ability to Communicate in Writing					
Capacity to Respect Differences in Race, Class, Culture, Lifestyles, and Ideas					
Flexibility					
Concern for Others and Social Problems					
Integrity					

We are especially interested in your comments regarding this applicant's aptitude for global health activities.

What do you consider to be the applicant's major strengths?

In what areas does the applicant need further development?

SUMMARY EVALUATION

- I do not recommend this applicant for admission to the graduate program in social work.
- I believe the applicant's qualifications are marginal, but the applicant has potential and would benefit from study in the program.
- I recommend this applicant for admission and believe his/her performance should be comparable to that of most graduate students.
- I strongly recommend this applicant for admission and believe he/she has the capacity to perform at a superior level.

Evaluator's Signature _____ Date _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Position/Title _____ Agency _____

Instructions for Letter of Intent

We ask that all applicants prepare narrative answers to the following six key points:

1. Why do you want to want to become a UAMS Global Health Fellow?
2. What are your career goals and major areas of interest?
3. Why you are interested in this specific project and site?
4. How do you envision this scholarship experience meeting your training goals and interests?
5. Reasons why you believe you are a good fit for this program.
6. Your future plans after the fellowship (and how the training and experiences in this program will help you achieve those goals)

In evaluating your answers, we will be looking for the following:

- Thoroughness and organization of your responses.
- Evidence of critical thinking and analysis.
- Evidence that your choice of global health work is a thoughtful one based on reasonable knowledge of yourself and the profession.
- Standard English, clearly written, and free of errors in grammar, style and syntax.

Project Budget

Financial Details		
Employment Income		
Family Contributions		
Budget Proposal		
Housing and Utilities		
Food and other necessities		
Transportation(airfare, taxis, etc)		
Other expenses		