

## Global Health Programs, Opportunities and Affiliated Organizations at the UW School of Public Health

### Practica and Short-Term International Opportunities:

All Master of Public Health students are required to complete a practicum project. The MPH Practicum Office manages the practicum for the four departments within the School that offer the MPH degree. Practica experiences are arranged by students in communication with their department. Students need to search for funding sources to support international practicum experiences. <http://sph.washington.edu/practicum/resource.asp>. Please contact Rene' M. Lucas in the MPH Practicum Office at [rlucas@u.washington.edu](mailto:rlucas@u.washington.edu) for more information 85-8904

- **Amauta Public Health Practica (Ann Marie Kimball, MD, MPH, FACPM). Contact Alicia Silva-Santisteban for more information at [alicias@u.washington.edu](mailto:alicias@u.washington.edu)**

Funding is available to support students interested in traveling to **Peru and other Andean countries** to carry out a practicum project at their Peruvian partner institutions and affiliated NGO's. The goal of the practicum is to provide students the opportunity to use knowledge and skills acquired in the academic program in a Peruvian institution, under the direction of a site supervisor overseas. For more information,

<http://depts.washington.edu/deptgh/ghrc/abroad/aphp.html>

- **Global Partnerships Travel Grants, <http://depts.washington.edu/ihprog/about/gptg.htm>, (Stephen Gloyd, MD, MPH, Clarence Spigner, DrPH, Contact Julie Brunett, [gptg@u.washington.edu](mailto:gptg@u.washington.edu) for more information)**

The program funds 3-6 students per year to work for up to three months overseas under the supervision of UW faculty and faculty/staff of linked institutions in several countries. UW students, foreign or domestic, could be at a Master's or PhD level. In exceptional cases the program could include undergraduates or students from other local universities. Each student will propose a budget, not exceeding \$4000, for travel and living expenses. Additional funding will be available for travel for UW faculty members and partner institutions to facilitate on-site supervision or post-travel analysis of work in Seattle. Selection will be competitive, with priority given to proposals that have the greatest potential to strengthen and consolidate overseas linkages.

- **International Experience in Occupational And Environmental Health (Matthew Keifer, MD, MPH, Contact Tram Tran, [tvtran@u.washington.edu](mailto:tvtran@u.washington.edu))**

The goal of this program is to provide students of the University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine with opportunities to become directly involved in identifying, characterizing and addressing occupational and environmental global health issues. A secondary goal is to increase faculty involvement in global health issues. Students will travel to **Vietnam, Nicaragua or Costa Rica** to work with collaborators at our partner institutions. They will participate in field investigations, data collection and/or analysis of data sets that may be the basis of their Masters theses or will serve as international exchange experiences.

- **Multidisciplinary International Research Training (MIRT) Program, (Michelle Williams, ScD; Virginia Gonzales, EdD, MSW, MPH, and Clarence Spigner, DrPH, Co-Directors. Contact [mirt@u.washington.edu](mailto:mirt@u.washington.edu) for more information) <http://depts.washington.edu/epidem/mirt/mirt.htm>,**

The Multidisciplinary International Research Training Program is a national program designed to encourage underrepresented students to pursue careers in biomedical and behavioral sciences research. The program provides support for undergraduates, graduates, and faculty

for health-related population-based research and training in developing countries. MIRT is funded by the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health. The UW MIRT program has been developed in collaboration with Western Washington University and Dillard University. **Recent country sites: Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Thailand, Republic of Georgia, Peru, Mexico, Ecuador, Chile, Brazil and Argentina**

#### **NIH/Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholars Program**

<http://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/overseasfellowship/>

The National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Fogarty International Center (FIC), in partnership with the NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the NIH National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, the NIH National Institute of Nursing Research, the NIH National Cancer Institute, the NIH National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the NIH National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities and the NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse, is offering a one-year clinical research training experience for graduate-level U.S. students in the health professions. This is an opportunity for highly motivated individuals to experience mentored research training at top-ranked NIH-funded research centers in developing countries. Africa, Asia, and the Americas are regions of the world that, if accepted, you may find yourself experiencing.

#### **Thomas Francis, Jr. Fellowship Awards**

The purpose of the **Thomas Francis, Jr. Global Health Fellowship** is to promote global health by providing financial assistance to **graduate or professional** students who would like to gain practical global health field experience in international and/or underserved community settings. Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr. taught Dr. Jonas Salk the methodology of vaccine development, and designed and directed the Salk polio vaccine clinical trials. 3-6 awards per year for graduate and professional students to travel abroad for global health practica or internship experiences. For more information contact Daren Wade, [dwade@u.washington.edu](mailto:dwade@u.washington.edu)

### **Additional UW Funding Sources for Short Term Opportunities:**

- **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) (Contact [jsisinfo@u.washington.edu](mailto:jsisinfo@u.washington.edu) at the Jackson School of International Studies)**

FLAS fellowships provide tuition and health insurance plus a stipend (currently \$14,000; \$2,400 for summer) for the study of eligible modern foreign languages. Subject to federal Title VI funding, the University's National Resource Centers will make awards in support of studies related to: Canada; East Asia; Middle East; Russia, East Europe and Central Asia; South Asia; Southeast Asia; and West Europe. These are competitive fellowships open to graduate and professional students who are US citizens or permanent residents and who meet designated requirements for language study. Applicants to graduate programs compete with current UW students for available awards. Preference is given to students who will begin language study at intermediate or advanced levels.

- **Leslianne Shedd Fund (Contact: Betsy Bridwell, Jackson School of International Studies at [betsyb@u.washington.edu](mailto:betsyb@u.washington.edu))**

The purpose of this fund is to provide financial assistance to students who will serve as unpaid interns in organizations that are engaged in some aspect of international affairs especially those interested in the international public health field. (e.g. the U.S. State Department, the United Nations, or other international governmental or non-governmental organizations). The amount of each award shall be determined by the Jackson School, dependent upon the availability of funds and the terms of the internship.

## Affiliated Organizations

- **Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation Emerging Infections Network**, <http://depts.washington.edu/apecein/index.htm>, (Ann Marie Kimball, MD, MPH, FACM,)

APEC EINet is dedicated to providing timely information on issues of emerging infectious diseases, enabling better collaboration by policy makers, health officials and researchers throughout the Pacific Rim.

- **I-TECH, (Ann Downer, EdD, Director) (<http://www.go2itech.org>)**

International Programs support planning and implementation of behavioral research in the developing world and offer consultation on research design, strategic planning, health education and communication, prevention and behavior change strategies, training design, and program monitoring and evaluation. CHER also sponsors training programs for visiting scholars: *International Training and Education Center on HIV (ITECH)*; *The Synergy Project*; *The International Palliative Care Project*; *Women's Empowerment Project (WEP)*.

- **Health Alliance International (HAI)**, <http://depts.washington.edu/haiuw>, (Steve Gloyd, MD, MPH and Mary Anne Mercer, DrPH, Contact Andrea Chateaubriand at [chateau@u.washington.edu](mailto:chateau@u.washington.edu))

Founded in 1987, the philosophy of HAI is based on the desire to assist disenfranchised people worldwide by providing teaching, service, and critical material resources. The organization's goals also include educating American citizens about social, economic, and political issues in the developing world, including the centrality of equitable distribution of resources in achieving the health of populations. Country linkages include **Mozambique and East Timor**.

- **PATH**, <http://www.path.org>

PATH is an international, nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that improves the health of people around the world by: *Advancing technologies. Strengthening systems. Encouraging healthy behavior.* Headquartered in Seattle, Washington, since its inception in 1978, PATH operates 19 offices in 13 countries. They currently work in more than 100 countries in the areas of reproductive health; vaccines and immunization; HIV, AIDS, and tuberculosis; and children's health and nutrition.

- **Population Health Forum, Equity and Health (Stephen Bezruchka, MD, MPH, [sabez@u.washington.edu](mailto:sabez@u.washington.edu), <http://depts.washington.edu/eqlhth>)**

The Population Health Forum's mission is to raise awareness and initiate dialogue about the ways in which political, economic, and social inequalities interact to affect the overall health status of our society. Our goals are to promote knowledge and advocate for action in service of a healthier society.

- **Puget Sound Partners for Global Health**, <http://www.pspgh.org> (Contact Daren Wade, MSW, [dwade@u.washington.edu](mailto:dwade@u.washington.edu))

Puget Sound Partners for Global Health is a collaboration of Seattle area researchers, healthcare professionals, students and non-governmental organizations committed to improving global health. We link the Seattle global health community by sharing information; funding international training, education and research opportunities; and holding events focused on global health.

- **UW/FHCRC Center for AIDS Research (King Holmes, MD, PhD, <http://depts.washington.edu/cfar>)**

The mission of the Centers for AIDS Research (CFAR) program of the Division of AIDS, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), the National Institute on Drug Abuse, (NIDA) and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) of the National Institutes of Health is to support a multi-disciplinary environment that promotes basic, clinical, epidemiologic, behavioral, and translational research in the prevention, detection, and treatment of HIV infection and AIDS.

**Global Health Resource Center, Department of Global Health (Daren Wade, MSW, Director, [dwade@u.washington.edu](mailto:dwade@u.washington.edu) and Jennifer Earle, Student Services Coordinator, [jearle@u.washington.edu](mailto:jearle@u.washington.edu))**

The mission of the GHRC is **to coordinate** information about global health education, training, research, funding and exchange for the University of Washington; **to connect** individuals, programs and organizations; to administer the PSPGH Training and Education programs, [www.pspgh.org](http://www.pspgh.org) and **to catalyze** opportunities for international, interprofessional collaboration and exchange.

## Upper Campus

- **International Programs & Exchanges, <http://www.ipe.washington.edu/>**  
The IPE administers and coordinates more than 100 international programs and exchanges in Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Students are concurrently enrolled at the University of Washington while abroad, earning UW credit and maintaining residency and financial aid eligibility. IPE maintains an extensive resource library and offers information and resources to students, parents, faculty and staff.
- **International Services Office, <http://depts.washington.edu/uwiso/>**  
The International Services Office (ISO) at the University of Washington provides assistance to 2500 nonimmigrant students and 1500 visiting faculty and scholars. Representing over 100 countries, these distinguished international visitors contribute to the institution's academic and research objectives and enhance the rich diversity and cosmopolitan character of the University. The ISO assists international students and faculty with a variety of matters during their stay, ranging from complex immigration issues to "culture shock." Serving an international population of this size requires the cooperative efforts of many departments and offices throughout the University.
- **FIUTS (Foundation for International Understanding Through Students, [www.fiuts.washington.edu/](http://www.fiuts.washington.edu/))**  
FIUTS is a community non-profit organization which was established on the University of Washington campus in 1948. The founders' mission was to enhance international understanding and promote cultural exchanges between UW internationals and Americans. They wanted to create an environment where ideas, issues, and the spirit of internationalism could be fostered. Today, in our 56th year, FIUTS continues this tradition through programs that stimulate discussion and participation among the community, our members, and volunteers. FIUTS has become a place to meet people from around the world or from around the corner who come together to establish links of friendship and communication.