

CHINA CALIFORNIA HEART WATCH

2013 Pre-Medical/Public Health Internship Programs | Yunnan Province, China

China California Heart Watch is a non-for-profit public charity whose mission includes medical research, teaching and clinical care in rural Yunnan Province, China. We are seeking students, particularly those interested in future careers in medicine, public health or related fields to participate in one of several internships this year. Our internships afford students first-hand experience of medical problems—particularly cardiovascular problems—and care in the impoverished communities of Yunnan Province.



OBJECTIVE: The objective of this internship program is to create awareness of the problems of healthcare in rural China and to guide students toward a career in medicine/public health focused on the underserved in developing countries.

STUDENTS: Each of our seven internships is open to 10-25 students. Prospective interns will be interviewed to determine suitability. Applicants must express an interest in pursuing a career involving health or health-related care in underserved populations. Knowledge of Mandarin is desirable, but is not a selection criteria.

PROGRAMS: Faculty from the Kunming Medical University and the University of Minnesota will accompany us. Interns will participate in screening children for heart disease murmurs and in assisting in diagnostic exams of children found to have heart murmurs. Interns, after training and certification, will actively participate in screening the children with their stethoscopes. China California Heart Watch will provide help to needy families of these children so they can receive necessary surgical and catheter-based interventions. Cang Yuan County is in the southwest corner of Yunnan Province. It is the home of the Wa minority. The countryside is mountainous and tropical. Living conditions are rugged. Our clinic/residence is just outside of Dali; during the initial days of the internship, you will be housed near or in our clinic.

LOGISTICS: Students will obtain at least one-month visas through agencies or the Chinese consulate before leaving the United States. Students will travel to Dali, China, where China Cal staff will greet the students at the airport. Housing will be arranged in hotels, community center, and the homes of farmers, while in rural areas. Local travel will be arranged as needed by air, train or bus. Students are required to cover the cost of all travel expenses to/from and within China, including room and board. We also request a **tax-free donation \$1600** for the December program.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Yunnan Province is a relatively safe place for foreign visitors. Students will be advised regarding caution and care for their belongings and documents. Health risks are relatively few. However, as visitors sometimes suffer from gastro-enteritis, China Cal doctors will provide prophylactic education, and medications will be on-hand if needed.

To apply or for more information about our programs, please visit our website at www.chinacal.org or contact Bexia Shi at vinh@chinacal.org.

