

UMMS Global Health and Disparities Scholarship Program

Spring 2016

Objective: Promote career development and service, scholarship, and learning among upper-year medical students enrolled in the Global Health and Disparities (GHD) Path of Excellence related to ameliorating health disparities in the United States or low- or middle-income countries.

Background: Senior medical students enrolled in the GHD Path who identify opportunities for 1-2 month experiences in low resource settings – both international and domestic – frequently express having difficulty finding sufficient funds to cover expenses.

Proposal: This funding mechanism will support proposals from upper level (third- or fourth-year) GHD students who have completed an initial GHD field experience and seek an additional 1- to 2-month experience that builds on their interests and previous experience to promote their professional development. Funded proposals will most often focus on such areas as research, development / implementation of innovative health-related interventions, program evaluation, needs assessment, or education program development. Other types of projects that meet GHD parameters of addressing health disparities are welcome.

Amount of award: Up to a maximum of \$4,000 for international and \$2000 for domestic experiences to cover travel, lodging, and food expenses directly related to an off-site scholarship experience. Maximum allowable amounts will vary depending on usual travel (i.e., distance), and local food and lodging expenses. Students must submit a budget with their application.

Criteria for award: Awards will be provided on a competitive basis depending on available funding and strength of proposed programs.

Application Requirements:

- Request submitted by full-time UMMS medical student enrolled in the GHD Path of Excellence who has completed an initial 'capstone' field experience.
- Experience to occur in post-clerkship years.
- Sponsoring UMMS faculty advisor who reviews proposal objectives and educational value of the experience, provides interim guidance and support during the experience, and receives and reviews final written report.
- Proposed experience relates to ameliorating health disparities, broadly defined.
- Experience occurs off campus, either in an international or domestic setting.

Completion Requirements:

1. Within one month after completing the experience, awardees must submit a 3-5 page summary of the project formatted as:
 - Design phase – how the idea originated and evolved.
 - Original goals.
 - What was done – methods.
 - Barriers encountered and how they were addressed.
 - What was accomplished – results or outcomes.
 - Follow-up - dissemination plan and connecting the project to future work by you or others.
 - If unlimited time and money were available, why (goals) and how (methods) should the work be continued?

2. Present the project at a Global REACH seminar (10 min presentation followed by discussion).

Funding priorities:

Proposals with any or all of the following features will be given priority. Proposals without these features may also be submitted for possible funding.

- *Continues work* in which the student has played a *leadership role* in the past.
- Builds on an *established or potential inter-institutional relationship* between the University of Michigan and partner organizations.
- Is likely to lead to *sustained interventions* to improve health care and health outcomes, or ameliorate health disparities or the social determinants of *health for persons in the local community*.
- For international projects, faculty advisor is a UMMS Global REACH Faculty Associate (faculty who are not yet associates can apply concurrently with a student's application for funding).
- Plan to personally present the results of the work to key stakeholders (e.g., oral presentation to local or other organization likely to continue or implement the work).

Application process:

- 2-page proposal description that includes:
 - Background statement – why is this work important?
 - Theoretical approach or framework
 - Methods – what will be done?
 - Anticipated results – what outcomes are expected?
 - Follow-up plan – how will this work link to future work by others or the student? How will it be communicated to key stakeholders?
 - Personal Goals – What role will you play on the project and what do you hope to learn that will impact your future career
- Letter from sponsoring UM faculty member agreeing to responsibilities of project advisor.
- Documentation of participation by non-UM organization(s).
- Student curriculum vita.
- A budget (not included in the 2-page limit) describing estimated expenses, backed up with documentation when possible. (e.g. Delta Airlines estimate). In addition to a list of expenses costs, students must include a brief narrative describing how the costs were determined and why they are necessary.

Deadlines:

- We will consider applications as they come in. However, our funds are allocated by fiscal year (July 1 – June 30), and earlier proposals will be given priority over those submitted later in the fiscal year.
- Applications will be reviewed within one month of receipt. It is recommended that applications be submitted at least three months before the expected travel date.

Program administration:

- Applications should be submitted as a single pdf document to: globalreach@umich.edu
- Subject line must read: GHD SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST
- Global REACH will administer this program with assistance from one of the GHD Directors.