

Global Health Scholarships

The UIC School of Public Health Global Health Program is now accepting applications for all Global Health Scholarships. The Global Health Program offers several scholarships to offset the costs associated with conducting an international field experience. The scholarships are open to students in all degree programs unless otherwise noted.

General Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must:

- Be a graduate or professional student at the UIC School of Public Health
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (4.0 scale)
- Should they be selected:
 - Provide a post-experience report within two weeks of return or project completion.
 - Attend the SPH Annual Research and Awards Day in the spring semester of the award.
 - Prepare and present a poster on the experience at the annual SPH Global Health Poster Competition within Research and Awards Day in the spring following project completion.
 - Obtain prior approval from the unit head, Dr. Argos, if traveling.
 - Purchase emergency evacuation insurance for travel abroad, if traveling.
 - Enroll in the university's International Travel Safety (ITS) portal, if traveling
 - Register with UIC contact tracing and complete pre-travel counseling with contact tracing within two weeks of the travel date, if traveling.

Scholarship Descriptions and Specific Eligibility Requirements

- Donna Farley Global Health Scholarship
 - Preference for students who demonstrate financial need and/or a commitment to addressing global health issues and challenges.
- Douglas Passaro Global Horizons Scholarship
 - This scholarship honors the memory of Dr. Douglas James Passaro. The award reflects his intense interest in addressing international public health problems worldwide. Most competitive applications will be from students seeking an experience that substantially broadens their understanding and application of public health in the world. Preference is given to proposals for projects in Latin America and Africa.
- MPH/MS Global Health Scholarship
 - Only available to MPH or MS students formally enrolled in the global health concentration.
- Paul Brandt-Rauf Scholarship in Global Health
 - Preference for students who demonstrate financial need.

*More details, including sample project descriptions for prior awardees, are available on the global health website:

<https://publichealth.uic.edu/global-health-program/global-health-scholarships/>

Application Packet

The applicant must submit:

- A completed Global Health Awards application form (page 3).
- A cover letter describing the proposed global health experience in detail and a statement, including expected learning objectives, describing how the experience will enrich the applicant's exposure to global health. The letter must include the name and contact information of the International Host Organization, and the applicant's plan for communication and collaboration, including frequency of meetings with supervisor, communication platform, and opportunities for organizational and cultural exposure. Students must also briefly describe previous international experience. (The statement should be no more than two pages).
- A budget estimating total travel expenses, if applicable (page 4). Please include any other sources of financial support that would be used to help offset the total cost of the experience.
- A letter (or email) from the Host Organization outlining the parameters and expectations for the experience (required for MPH students; if applicable for other graduate students).
- A letter from the applicant's UIC supervisor for the experience vouching for the applicant's capacity for taking full advantage of this experience and stating her/his willingness to serve as a contact at UIC for the student.
- A statement about the language spoken at the proposed destination regarding the applicant's foreign language proficiency (speaking, reading, writing), if applicable (page 5).

- If traveling, obtain travel approval from the Interim Associate Dean for Global Health, Dr. Argos. ([University COVID-19 Pre-Travel Unit/Dept Head Approval Request](#), insert Dr. Argos email: argos@uic.edu when asked for a unit head email)
- A copy of the applicant's UIC academic history (unofficial transcripts available from <https://my.uic.edu>).

NOTE: You must be in good financial standing to receive this award. Receiving this award may affect your financial aid package. We encourage you to contact Student Financial Aid Services to determine your financial standing.

Special considerations for summer 2023:

Due to the pandemic, travel guidance for the destination may be quickly impacted by COVID-19 travel restrictions. As such, students are highly encouraged to identify an alternative option for their field experience. Scholarship applications for local and virtual placements will be considered. Students are welcome to identify a field-based project as well. For those who have identified both options, students should complete an application for both projects.

Note: The University strongly urges UIC community members to avoid travel to any country with a CDC Level 3 or Department of State Level 4 risk designation. The CDC Level 3 countries are listed on the CDC website and may change frequently. Being selected for an award does not guarantee international travel request approval. Awardees will need to obtain approval from their unit head prior to any international travel. Students receiving approval to travel abroad due to the ongoing COVID pandemic must still obtain the relevant academic and pre-departure approvals for the experience.

Please direct questions to:

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Timeline

- Application packets are due **Monday, March 13, 2023**
- Winners will be notified in mid-April.
- Awards will be presented at the SPH Annual Research and Awards Day in April 2024.

Application Order:

- Global Health Scholarship application form**
 - See page 3 for application form.
- Cover Letter**
 - See guidance above. Please mention the scholarships for which you are particularly well suited.
- Budget**
 - See page 4 for budget form.
- Statement about foreign language proficiency**
 - See page 5.
- University COVID-19 Pre-travel Unit/Dept Head Approval Request (if traveling)**
 - [University COVID-19 Pre-Travel Unit/Dept Head Approval Request](#)
- Email/Letter from host organization (if applicable)**
- Letter from UIC Supervisor**
- Project timeline**
 - Please submit a project timeline identifying project activities.
- Copy of UIC transcript**
 - Unofficial transcripts can be obtained by accessing my.uic.edu

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT ONE PDF THAT INCLUDES ALL APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Global Health Awards Application

Applicant Information:

Name: Last _____ First _____
UIN# _____ UIC E-Mail Address _____ Alternative Email Address _____
Telephone _____ Mailing Address _____

UIC School of Public Health Information:

Current degree program: MS MPH PhD
Academic Division _____ Concentration _____

Date matriculated: Semester _____ Year _____

Expected graduation date: Semester _____ Year _____

Are you employed by UIC Yes No

Academic Advisor:

Name _____ Email _____ Campus Tel. _____

Field Experience Advisor:

Name _____ Email _____ Campus Tel. _____

Host Organization Information:

Name of Organization _____

Point of Contact Name _____ Email _____

Phone Number _____ Organization Location _____

Duration/Dates of Proposed Experience: _____

Brief Summary of Proposed Experience (2-3 sentences): _____

Signatures

By my signature below, I authorize release of my name, transcripts and the additional contents of the application with scholarship donors and others in conjunction with any University scholarships I may receive.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____

Academic Advisor Signature: _____ Date _____

MPH Divisional AP Experience Advisor: _____ Date _____
(if applicable)

Global Health Awards Budget Form

Budget

Estimated Travel Budget: \$

Type	Estimated Expenses	Budget Notes
Roundtrip Airfare	\$	
On-Ground Transportation	\$	
Housing	\$	
Meals	\$	
Emergency Evacuation Insurance (required) https://studyabroad.uic.edu/international-health-insurance/	\$	
Travel Visa	\$	
Vaccinations	\$	
Translator/ Language	\$	
Phone/Internet	\$	
Other Miscellaneous Items	\$	
<u>Total</u>	\$	

Please Note: Awards are up to \$3,000. If your budget exceeds this amount, please identify how you intend to pay for it.

Foreign Language Proficiency

What language(s) are spoken in the location of your field experience?

What is your proficiency in the language stated above? (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced)?

Will you need a translator during your Applied Practice Experience? (If yes, please build this into your budget on page 3 of the application.) Please indicate below where you intend to obtain a translator.

Please describe any language training you will pursue prior to the start of your Applied Practice Experience.

Other Comments: