



SPH 100,000 Strong in the Americas Mexico Program 2021

Mexico's National Institute of Public Health, Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico

Up to five students may be selected to participate in a field experience during the summer of 2021 in Cuernavaca, Mexico in collaboration with [Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública \(INSP\)](#), the National Institute of Public Health of Mexico, thanks to support from the [100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund](#). This fund aims to increase student exchange and training programs between the Americas, with a focus on increasing opportunities available to students from underrepresented and/or disadvantaged backgrounds. Students will be exposed to the School of Public Health and the INSP educational, practice, and research activities. INSP is looking for creative students who are committed to community-based public health and who have an understanding of global public health.

Students must apply to the Global Health Program's 100,000 Strong in the Americas Mexico Program. Field experiences will be tailored to students' interests, qualifications, and host organization faculty match following the applicant selection process. To review potential areas of work, please visit the [INSP website](#).

**This field experience may be used as a student applied practice experience, subject to approval by students' academic and division practicum advisor.*

Eligibility Requirements:

The applicant must:

- Be enrolled in the MPH program at SPH
- Have completed 18sh of the MPH curriculum by the date of travel,
- Have intermediate Spanish proficiency,
- Be able to commit to a **minimum** 6-week time period in summer 2021 (dates TBD)
- Have a cumulative GPH of 3.0 or better (4.0 scale).
- Priority will be given to:
 - Students from underrepresented and/or disadvantaged backgrounds,
 - Students enrolled in the Global Health Concentration.
- Should s/he be selected:
 - Abide by the host organization's policies and procedures,
 - Commit to making a meaningful contribution to the host organization,
 - Act in an ambassadorial manner throughout the experience,
 - Purchase emergency evacuation insurance for travel,
 - Participate in two cultural activities and document these experiences in a two page reflection for each site visited,
 - Commit to completing three journal entries, including a post experience report,
 - Conduct a presentation to the program team at UIC to report on their learning experience
 - Students are highly encouraged to submit a poster to the SPH Annual Research and Awards Day.

Application:

The applicant must submit:

- Application Form
- Updated resume/CV
- A brief statement of intent (no more than two double-spaced pages) identifying why you would like to participate in the Cuernavaca field experience and qualifications you will bring. Please also include special areas of interest on which you hope to focus.
- Please briefly mention any prior international experience.
- Results from a language self-assessment tool
 - Cervantes: https://www.cervantes.to/test_inicial.html
 - Lengalia: <https://www.lengalia.com/en/placement-test.html>
- A copy of the applicant's UIC transcript (available from my.uic.edu).

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT ONE PDF THAT INCLUDES ALL APPLICATION DOCUMENT

Timeline

- Applications are due in March 2021 (date TBD)
- Selected applicants will be notified in mid-March.
- Letter of Commitment is due late March (date TBD)

Process

- Student indicates intent by submitting application.
- Students are expected to inform advisor of intent.
- Applicants are notified of selection outcome.
- Student, applied practice experience advisor, SPH Global Health Program, and host organization build learning objectives for experience.

Budget

Students will work with the Global Health Program to discuss budget.

Round-trip airfare and housing are kindly subsidized by the Global Health Program through the support of the 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund. As such, students selected for the 2021 Mexico Program are not allowed to receive funding through other Global Health Program scholarships. Applicants to this program are also welcome to apply for those other scholarships but will have to choose which opportunity to accept should they be accepted by more than one.

Please submit applications and direct questions to:

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SPH Mexico Program
Summer 2021 Application Form

Applicant Information:

Name: Last First

UIN# UIC E-Mail Address Alternative Email Address Telephone

UIC School of Public Health Information:

Academic Division

Date matriculated: Semester Year

Expected graduation date: Semester Year

Academic Advisor:

Name Email

Campus Tel.

Grant Criteria:

Please select “yes” if one or more of the following criteria apply to you:

Yes No

- I am the first in my family to attend college
- I graduated from (or last attended) a high school that:
 - Has a low overall student average SAT score
 - Has a low percentage of seniors receiving a high school diploma
 - Has a low percentage of graduates who go to college during the first year after graduation
 - Has low per capita funding
 - Has many of the enrolled students being eligible for free or reduced-price lunches
- My family has an annual income below the low-income thresholds established by the U.S. Census Bureau (\$50,200 for a family of 4; \$41,560 for a family of 3; \$32,920 for a family of 2; \$24,280 for a family of 1)
- I identify as:
 - Hispanic or Latino
 - American Indian and Alaska Native
 - Black or African American
 - Asian
 - American Indian and Alaska Native
 - Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander
 - Other:

By my signature below, I authorize release of my name, transcripts, and the additional contents of the application to be shared with the SPH Global Health Committee.

Applicant Signature

Date