

SPH Kenya Program 2024

Up to five students may be selected to participate in a field experience during the summer of 2024 in Kisumu, Kenya. Students must first apply to the SPH Kenya Program. Students' field experiences will be tailored to organizational needs and student qualifications following the applicant selection process. Organizations have expressed the need for program planning, evaluation, reporting, fundraising, data analysis, and community outreach. (Please contact Keith Partyka at Kpartyka@uic.edu) for a list of sample organizations and projects).

Students will be placed in family home stays for the duration of their time in Kenya. The home stay includes room, breakfast, and dinner. As culture in Kisumu operates differently to that which we experience here, it is imperative the applicant is flexible and willing to live under hardship conditions (e.g., outdoor latrines, cold water only).

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

* *Travel to Kenya is dependent on the U.S. State Department's travel advisory for Kenya.

Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must:

- Be able to commit to 9-10 weeks of stay in Kisumu (Late May – Mid August).
- Have completed 18 SH of the MPH or MS curriculum by the date of travel.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (4.0 scale).
- Should a student be selected:
 - Obtain the University of Illinois System's comprehensive insurance for international travel
 - 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
 - Commit to completing a post-experience report within two weeks of return
 - Prepare and present a poster on the experience at the annual SPH Global Health Poster Competition during Research and Awards Day in April 2025

***Preference is given to applicants enrolled in the Global Health Curriculum**

***This field experience may be used as an applied practice experience, subject to approval by the student's academic and divisional applied practice experience advisor.**

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 Kenya field experience and qualifications you will bring. Please briefly mention any prior international experience or language capabilities. Please also mention any organization with which you hope to work.
- A copy of the applicant's UIC unofficial transcript (available from my.uic.edu).

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT ONE PDF THAT INCLUDES ALL APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Timeline

- Applications are due on March 18, 2024
- Selected applicants will be notified in early April

Process

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

Budget

Students are required to cover the costs of transportation and in-country incidentals. Below is an approximate budget. Students may wish to travel within Kenya or to other sites in Africa apart from any SPH planned educational trips. Any such activities will be additional and should be budgeted for.

The family home stays are kindly subsidized by the Global Health Program. As such, students selected for the SPH Kenya Program are not allowed to receive funding through the MPH/MS Scholarship, Donna Farley Global Health Scholarship, or the Douglas Passaro Global Horizons Scholarship. 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.

Transportation	
Flight: Chicago/Nairobi (RT)	\$1,500
Local transport	\$175
Requirements	
Visa	\$50
Emergency evacuation insurance	\$100
Other	
Educational trips	\$150
Food	\$400
Misc (entertainment, toiletries, incidentals)	\$300
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS*	\$2,675

*Students will be assessed tuition on semester hours in which they register. Costs **do not** reflect tuition*

Please submit applications and direct questions to:

Keith Partyka, MSW
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SPH Kenya Program **Summer 2024 Application Form**

Applicant Information:

Name: Last First

UIN# UIC E-Mail Address Alternative Email Address

Telephone

UIC School of Public Health Information:

Current degree program: MS MPH PhD Academic Division

Date matriculated: Semester Year

Expected graduation date: Semester Year

Academic Advisor:

Name Email

Campus Tel.

Field Experience Advisor:

Name Email

Campus Tel.

By my signature below, I authorize the release of my name, transcripts, and the additional contents of the application with the University of Illinois at Chicago and SPH Global Health Committee.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____