

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.

Preference given to students that travel abroad

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)
- Preference will be given to students traveling abroad
- 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.
 - Purchase emergency evacuation insurance for travel abroad if traveling.
 - Enroll in the university's International Travel Safety (ITS) portal 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.
- Dr. Rajesh & Nayana Parikh Scholarship
 - This scholarship supports MPH or MS students with academic merit in pursuing overseas travel for the applied practice experience, integrative learning experience, or thesis research. Preference is for student projects related to India or Zambia and for students in the Certificate for Global Public Health.
- MPH/MS Global Health Scholarship
 - Only available to MPH or MS students formally enrolled in the Certificate for Global Public Health.
- Paul Brandt-Rauf Scholarship in Global Health
 - This global health scholarship will assist graduate students in the School of Public Health who demonstrate financial need with expenses associated with pursuing a global public health field experience.

*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 and **identify which scholarship they feel the project aligns with**. (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 advisor 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).
- 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.

Considerations for international travel:

Due to the variability of travel plans, travel guidance for the destination may be quickly impacted by U.S. State Department or CDC 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, but preference will be given to applications for experiences where students travel abroad.

For Travel to Countries with U.S. Department of State Level 3 Travel Advisories (“Reconsider Travel”) or CDC Travel Warnings:

In order to complete your International Travel Safety enrollment, if you are traveling to a country for which the Department of State has issued a Travel Advisory “Level 3” or the CDC has issued a Travel Warning, students will have to petition to travel to destinations reviewed by the Vice Provost for Global Engagement with the assistance of the relevant academic unit and the Study Abroad Office. Students planning to travel to countries with U.S. Department of State Level 3 Travel Advisories (“Reconsider Travel”) or CDC Travel Warnings must consult with the Global Health Program for assistance with the petition.

For more information on the travel petition, please visit <https://oge.uic.edu/student-petition-for-travel-to-certain-countries/>

*Students **should NOT** purchase airline tickets or other components of their travel until all materials have been submitted and the Office of Global Engagement approves their request.

Please direct questions to:

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Timeline

- Application packets are due **Monday, March 31, 2025**
- Winners will be notified in mid-April.

Application Order:

- Global Health Scholarship application form**
 - See page 3 for application form.
- Cover Letter**
 - See guidance above. Please state the scholarships for which you are particularly well suited.
- Budget**
 - See page 4 for budget form.
- Statement about foreign language proficiency**
 - See page 5.
- Email/Letter from host organization (if applicable)**
- Letter from UIC Advisor**
- 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 Scholarships 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 _____ Certificate in Global Public Health (Y/N) _____

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 Scholarships 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 \$5,000. 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: