Dates:
November 29, 2017       Application process opens
February 1, 2018        Submission deadline
February 21, 2018       Award notification

Competitive awards of up to $2,000 are available to support OHSU students’ overseas rotations in 2018. Students who qualify include medical, nursing, dental, pharmacy and school of public health students. Students commit at least 3-4 weeks on-site to an international experience that includes various aspects of one or more of the following: clinical practice, public and population health, health education, and research.

Preference will be given to overseas sites where OHSU has an established presence, such as in Thailand, Laos and Myanmar. Please visit OHSU Global’s website to learn more about the projects in each of these countries. Ongoing projects linked to teaching institutions in other parts of the world will also be given due consideration.

Students are required to have an OHSU faculty advisor for this project to provide guidance and advice. This faculty mentor is not required to personally accompany the student overseas. Students must also identify an on-site faculty advisor within their country of destination.

A student’s elective project must be approved by the Associate Dean of their school, as well as by the Office of the Provost. A committee, composed of OHSU Global and other faculty, will evaluate applications and determine award winners.

Students must submit a grant proposal to OHSU Global through OHSU’s online Competitive Application Portal (CAP) by Feb. 1, 2018. Proposals will be evaluated during February with notification of all applicants by Feb. 21, 2018.

All students must be in good academic standing. Student proposals must demonstrate knowledge about the population with which they wish to work and include citations related to the proposed subject matter. As part of the application, you will be asked to provide a short explanation of financial need and to sign an acknowledgement statement that all information provided is factual (no further documentation required).
Submission Guide

1. Formatting:
   a. Please use Arial, 12pt. font for your proposal.
   b. The application should be no more than four pages in length (excluding letter from mentor and bibliography/references).
   c. Review your application carefully and spell-check the document.

2. Submit a single pdf that includes the following:
   a. A descriptive title of applicant’s project
   b. A one paragraph abstract, summarizing your proposed project (100 words maximum).
   c. A detailed narrative with
      - A clearly stated goal
      - One or two specific objectives
      - Background including a description of the relevance of your idea to global health
      - A program plan including a clear and comprehensive methods section
      - Anticipated pitfalls and how they might be overcome
      - The sources of information on- and off-site which will be used to support a research-oriented/clinical/public health project proposal.
      - Necessary pre-travel preparation
      - The expected product and how it might be applicable and relevant to future medical practice and/or research efforts
      - A time-line for the project with proposed travel and project working dates.
   d. Identify a faculty mentor and provide a signed letter of agreement from the mentor which states their willingness to guide your research planning and data analysis efforts.
   e. Bibliography & References cited

Your proposal should provide a clear, detailed and workable plan; describe any cultural or language aptitude you may have with the selected population or country; relate relevant previous experience or pilot work. Explain what you plan to leave behind, what you hope to gain, and what benefit will accrue to global health at OHSU. The latter may include sharing your experience with others after your return or facilitating a follow-up project by another student.

Review Process

Proposals will be reviewed by a faculty committee. Review criteria include:
- Originality
- A clear, rational, and achievable plan
- Potential career benefit to the student
- Value to the host
- Potential for a sustainable relationship with the host
• Potential to enhance the **future** education of OHSU peers

**Expectations**

1. The award is expected to contribute toward travel, fees, and expenses directly related to the elective project. Funds must be used during the academic year when the award is granted. Should an awardee be unable to travel to the proposed overseas destination to conduct their project, these monies must be returned.

2. Acceptance of an award requires a commitment to:
   - Follow all State Department and CDC recommendations for health, safety, and security abroad.
   - Complete the proposed work as planned.
   - Submit a written report (3-4 page limit – single space) within 6 weeks after your return to OHSU. This document should reiterate the original goals, objectives and specific aims; discuss if, how and why they may have been modified; mention any encountered problems; communicate the results of the project; and provide a succinct interpretation of your findings.
   - (Optional) Submit photos that can be used in conjunction with your report for the OHSU Global website.
   - Present the findings of your project to others, if requested by OHSU Global.
   - Send a copy of your report to your hosts, detailing your project, the results and what you learned.

Your Dean or Program Director will be informed of the satisfactory completion of these commitments.

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