



Global Health Established Field Placements Call for Student Applications

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BACKGROUND

The Center for Global Health (CGH) supports students in their efforts to gain global health experience working with Johns Hopkins University (JHU) faculty members on their research projects in low- or middle-income countries. The Global Health Established Field Placement Awards (GHEFP) were developed in the Spring of 2010, with the objective of enhancing the recruitment of students into global health research and practice careers by providing them with the means to work with global health mentors and to attain international cross-cultural field experience. The GHEFP is primarily designed for the student who wishes to obtain a global health experience in research or practice in a low- or middle-income country but does not require an independent research experience.

Hopkins-affiliated global health programs have prepared placements for students on projects located in low- or middle-income countries. (Please see [the CGH web page](#)) for the for this year's list of situations.) Students who wish to be considered for the GHEFP must apply for posted situations. Applications will be reviewed by the program faculty/staff and finalists may be interviewed. Students selected for placement who further agree to participate will be awarded a grant of \$3,500 by the Center for Global Health.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Students

Eligibility: GHEFP is open to all full-time students of JHU who will return to complete their academic programs. Additional limitations may apply and are provided in the descriptions.

- Students who complete their studies prior to the projected travel date are not eligible to apply.
- MPH students and Masters of Entry into Nursing (MEN) students are not eligible unless they are in dual degree programs and can meet all other eligibility requirements.
- First-year medical students (MS1s) are not eligible.

Students who are previous recipients of CGH travel grants cannot reapply for new funding unless they have progressed into another degree program. For example, a student receiving an award while in their MHS program may apply again if they are accepted into a PhD program.

Other Requirements: Students selected for this placement will be expected to:

- Work at the field site during the time established by the mentor, which must be **at least 6 weeks from date of arrival to date of departure**.
- Carry health insurance for the period of their time overseas.
- Obtain country specific travel information and register with Healix Global using the Johns Hopkins portal (Johns Hopkins International Travel Registry, JHITR).
- Successfully complete either the [Coursera](#) or JHSPH course, "[International Travel Preparation, Safety, & Wellness](#)"

- Students choosing to complete the Coursera version will need to pay the course fee and submit their certificate of completion and honors country profile to the student program coordinator.
- Obtain all appropriate vaccinations and health information before departure to the field. Students will also be expected to adhere to all preventive regimens recommended by the travel clinic or personal physician.
- Present on their experience at Global Health Day during the academic year following the completion of the project. Students applying in 2020 will present in Global Health Day 2021.
- Complete the reporting requirements no later than 1 month after return: two surveys, a personal reflection statement and 5 hi-res photos. The student agrees to allow CGH the rights to publish said photographs, along with appropriate photo credit attribution.

Notices to students:

- Students are encouraged to seek out their academic advisors for support during the application process, especially undergraduates.
- The process for the GHEFP is competitive so students are not guaranteed a placement
- Selection of awardees from the applicants will be made primarily by the project mentors. Because the student's contribution will affect the work of the project, the mentors will need to make their decisions based upon who they feel will serve them best, not necessarily the preference of the applicants. As a result it is possible that the mentors may choose not to accept any applicants, although this is not likely.
- Applicants are also advised that, depending upon the placement, **the \$3,500 award from the Center for Global Health may not cover the entire cost of their travel and subsistence. In these instances the student will be required to use their own resources to meet their costs. Please refer to the estimated monthly/weekly costs provided on the placement posting to better understand the financial requirements for particular sites.** Please note if you cannot afford the additional costs required beyond \$3500, applicants are not encouraged to apply.
- *International students:* Please be advised that owing to government requirements the \$3,500 award may be taxable and a portion of the award could be withheld upon disbursement.

PROCESS DETAILS

How to Apply to a Placement Site

Students should review the list of placements and the detailed descriptions provided on the CGH website. All documentation is available on the CGH website. Those interested should do the following:

- Download (see web page), complete and save the "Application Form", as well as the "Site Preference Form" as electronic files.
- Print and sign the "Application/Commitment Form".
- Obtain one recommendation from your Hopkins advisor or another faculty member at Hopkins (see form).
- Obtain a copy of your transcript (unofficial transcripts via the SIS website are acceptable).
- On the Site Preference Form students are allowed to apply for up to three placements **in priority order**. If you are applying to fewer than three sites, please email the Student Program Coordinator to discuss this decision.

- Please upload: (Link to site may be found [here](#))
 1. Electronic copy of this Application/Commitment Form (in Word or PDF)
 2. Electronic copies of your site-specific essays
 3. Site Preference Form (in Word)
 4. Unofficial Transcript from SIS (PDF)
- Please have recommender send/deliver:
 1. Recommendation (**electronic is preferred**, printed accepted)
 - Student Program Coordinator
 - Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health
 - 415 N Washington St., Room 325
 - Baltimore, MD 21205
 - JHSPH.ghgrants@jhu.edu | 410.502.3733

Posting of Listings

Placement site listings will be posted on the CGH web site as soon as possible after the faculty placement request submission deadline in late December 2019. Students are encouraged to review these postings for details about each site.

Submission of Student Applications and Review by Mentors

Student applications will be received up to **February 5, 2020 at midnight EST** by the CGH.

Applications for each site will be sent to the site contacts. Mentors and their teams will have approximately four weeks to review applications and review finalists. Mentors should review application materials, but may request additional information as may be appropriate, e.g. writing samples. Mentors may conduct personal interviews with the applicants, but this is not a requirement. At the completion of the review period mentors will submit to the CGH a list of three student finalists in priority order agreeing, in doing so, that any of the three are acceptable. Those mentors who have determined that fewer than three of the applicants are acceptable must make a notation to that effect when submitting their finalists.

Selection and Match Process

(All deadlines are at 11:59pm unless otherwise specified)

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| 1. Site placements are confirmed by PIs and CGH after PI submission by site application deadline. | 12/13/2019 – 12/20/2019 |
| 2. Students can review and begin submitting applications | 01/02/2020

(may begin in late Dec 2019 depending on processing time) |
| 3. Student Applications are turned into CGH | 2/05/2020 |
| 4. Applications are sent to faculty members based on the student's three site preferences. Faculty members receive applications for review for each site preference. | 2/07/2020 |
| 5. Faculty members review and interview top candidates | 2/08/2020 – 3/10/2020 |
| 6. Students may possibly be interviewed by all three site | |

preferences

7. Faculty selects top three candidates
8. Top candidates and faculty are matched by CGH.
 - a. CGH will attempt to match as many students as possible, taking into account priority of both mentor and student. 3/10/2020 – 3/13/2020
 - b. CGH announces matches to students. Students must confirm the match before the faculty member is notified
9. Deadline for matched students accept the placement 03/22/2020
10. All accepted students must attend a mandatory orientation 03/25/2020

The CGH will collect the lists of student finalists for each site and endeavor to match students and site based on the priority of both the mentor and student. **This process recognizes that students may decline a placement if it is not their preference.** As this is not a perfect or highly flexible process applicants and mentors must be willing to accept the possibility of not receiving their first choice.

Students will be given a finite amount of time to accept their placement, which will be detailed in an email announcing their acceptance into a placement; those not accepting or not responding within the allotted time will forfeit their selection, including grant funding. Students who accept their placements will be provided a travel grant.

Questions

Questions may be addressed to: Student Program Coordinator | JHSPH.ghgrants@jhu.edu | 410.502.3733