

**Paul S. Lietman Global Health Travel Fellowship for Residents & Fellows
Call for Student Applications**

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BACKGROUND

The Center for Global Health (CGH) supports trainees in their efforts to gain experience working in low- and middle-income countries. This fellowship is named in honor of Dr. Paul Lietman, a longtime chief of the Division of Clinical Pharmacology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and specialist in bacterial and viral infections. The CGH in conjunction with the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, and the Graduate Medical Education (GME) program is encouraging applications from trainees who have independently identified a training elective overseas. Applications will be reviewed by a committee formed by the CGH. Residents & Fellows selected for a grant that have also been approved by their residency director and the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education will be awarded a grant of up to \$3,500 to support travel- and other placement-related costs.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility: The travel grant is open to **residents** and **fellows** in a GME program sponsored by the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine or the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Applicants must have an MD or DO to apply and be currently enrolled in a program that is predominantly clinically-focused, i.e. not solely research. Contact the Student Program Coordinator if you have questions about your program's eligibility.

Previous recipients* of CGH travel grants cannot apply for this award unless their previous award occurred while they were in another training program, e.g. medical school. Residents and fellows who will be completing their training prior to their planned travel are not eligible to apply. Funds must be used within one year of the anticipated award date. Applicants may **not** submit applications for travel already underway at the time of application or travel already completed.

Other Requirements: Residents & Fellows selected for this placement will be expected to:

- Carry health insurance for the period of their time overseas.
- Obtain country specific travel information and register with HX Global using the Johns Hopkins portal.
- Complete a mandatory pre-departure travel course through one of two channels:
 - Register in the online course International Travel Preparation, Safety and Wellness (220.600.81) through the Department of International Health at JHSPH
 - Complete the certificate option in the online Coursera travel preparation module before departure. Trainees may need to pay for the certificate, and the honors country profile must be completed to receive credit.
- Visit the Johns Hopkins Travel Medicine Clinic and obtain all appropriate vaccinations and health information before departure to the field. Housestaff will be expected to adhere to all preventive regimens recommended by the travel clinic or personal physician.
- Complete the following reporting requirements within 1 month after returning: Submit a personal reflection narrative or Voice Thread; submit five high-resolution photographs and captions pertinent to the rotation, and agree to allow CGH the rights to publish said photographs along with appropriate photo credit attribution; complete a survey about the experience.

- If possible, present on their experience at the next Global Health Day following the completion of their rotation. Global Health Day is usually held in late March/early April of each year.

Notices to residents & fellows:

- The process for the travel grants is competitive, so residents and fellows are not guaranteed an award.
- Applicants are advised that, depending upon the placement, the award from the Center for Global Health may not cover the entire cost of their travel and subsistence. In these instances the awardee will be required to use their own resources to meet their costs.
- *International students:* Please be advised that the award may be taxable and a portion of the award could be withheld upon disbursement.

*If you were awarded a Lietman Fellowship in Fall 2019 or Spring 2020 but were unable to travel due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions, please submit an updated application and indicate your previous awardee status. During the judging process, we will take into consideration that you were previously awarded but were unable to travel during that time. Please note that being a former awardee does not guarantee an award for this cycle.

PROCESS DETAILS

Outline and Timeframe

<u>Step</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Application deadline for Fall 2021 cycle	12/01/2021 at 11:59pm EST
2. CGH submits application to faculty/staff for review	12/02/2021
3. Faculty/staff submit finalists to CGH	12/15/2021
4. CGH convenes a meeting to discuss final selections	12/16-17/2021
5. CGH travel grants awarded.	12/20-23/2021

How to Apply

CGH travel grants are intended to be matched with the existing process for approval of outside elective rotations for residents. Those interested must complete the following:

- Complete the [Lietman Application Form](#). Save it as a PDF and sign it.
- Request a short support letter from your proposed site collaborator (in-country supervisor) indicating their capacity/interest in hosting an international trainee. This should be a PDF on letterhead and signed by your collaborator.
- Complete and save the [“Request for Elective Rotation” form](#) as a PDF with all the required attachments. Have your residency director sign the RER form. (The fully executed form with all signatures will not be required unless you are selected for an award)
- ***GHPP applicants** are also required to submit a letter of support indicating approval from the Osler Medical Residency (Sanjay Desai (JHH) or Erica Johnson (Bayview))
- Please combine all documents into one PDF named “Lastname_Firstname_LietmanFall2021.pdf” in the following order: 1) Lietman Application Form, 2) Letter of Support from site collaborator, 3) RER and associated attachments, 4) GHPP required approval letter (if applicable)
- Upload the entire combined PDF in the [online application form](#).
- Obtain one recommendation from your mentor or another faculty member at Hopkins. [Please use this reference form](#). Letters of Reference should be emailed directly to jhsph.ghgrants@jhu.edu by the recommender by the application deadline of **12/01/2021 at 11:59pm EST**.

Application Review and Scoring Criteria

The CGH will create a review group for the applications which will not include residency program directors. Applications are scored broadly on rotation objectives, recommendations, and alignment with a global health career. Note that historically applications with longer rotation periods tend to score higher, though this is not guaranteed. Reviewers submit scores to CGH, who then finalize grantee selection.

**We have noticed that some applicants submit generalized training goals built on ACGME core competencies for their rotation objectives. It is strongly recommended that you describe (either in the application or in your rotation objectives) how this specific elective will help you achieve those training goals.*

Awards

If awarded, awards will be conditional on receipt of a copy of the fully executed “Request for Elective Rotation” (all required signatures). The content of the form must not substantially differ from the one submitted in support of the grant application.

Reporting Requirements

Within one month of returning from their field experience, Lietman awardees will be required to submit:

1. A personal reflection narrative or Voice Thread that captures the experience and activities
2. Submit five high-resolution photographs and captions pertinent to the rotation, and agree to allow CGH the rights to publish said photographs along with appropriate photo credit attribution
3. Complete a survey about the experience
4. If possible, awardees will also be asked to present on their experience at the next Global Health Day following the completion of their rotation. Global Health Day is usually held in late March/early April of each year.