Global Health Travel Scholarships  
2018 Guidelines

Overview
The purpose of the Global Health Travel Scholarship program is to partially support international travel expenses for master or doctoral students enrolled in one of the six health science schools at the University of Pittsburgh who want to conduct projects in a middle- or low-income country or resource-poor setting. The project must address a health issue of importance to the host organization and local populace.

Requirements
• Full-time, degree-seeking master- or doctoral-level students in one of the six schools of the health sciences at the University of Pittsburgh Oakland Campus are eligible to apply.
• Applicants must be enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh at the time of application and when using the award. They must also be enrolled full time and in residence at the University of Pittsburgh for at least one term after completing the project.
• Applicants must be in good academic standing at the time of application and when using the award.
• Only one (1) award per student per calendar year is allowed.
• The project must be a component of the student’s University academic program, offer the student hands-on experience, and address a compelling health issue.
• For purposes of this scholarship program, a project is defined as “an activity that contributes new knowledge that can be used by participating partners or agencies for further research or program development, contribute to program improvement, or be used as pilot data for a thesis or dissertation.” A variety of activities can qualify, such as laboratory and bench science, data collection, needs assessments, policy analysis, program evaluation, health education delivery, and surveillance.
• Applicants may propose participation in a new project, join in an existing project, or continue in a project in which the applicant participated in the previous year.
• Applicants must identify at least one (1) faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh and one (1) individual at the performance site to support the application and serve as advisors for the project.

Amount and Number of Scholarships
The maximum scholarship amount is $2,000 USD. Applications will be reviewed by a faculty committee with representation from multiple health science schools. The number of awards granted will depend on the number and quality of applications received.

Allowable Expenses
• Ground and air transportation to and from the project site
• Lodging and meal expenses while participating in the project
• Visa and immunization expenses required for travel to the project site

Non-Allowable Expenses
• Travel, lodging, and meal expenses for individuals other than the applicant
• Travel, lodging, and meal expenses for non-project related activities
• Computers
• Equipment
• Membership fees
• Tuition or course fees
• Non-project related internships
• Conference fees
• Copy and duplication costs
• Books and subscriptions

Grantee Obligations
• Awardees must complete and sign all University-mandated liability and release forms before grant funds are disbursed. Note that the University has special guidelines for travel to countries under US State Department Warning. Students should give serious consideration to undertaking a project in a country under warning. Such travel must be reviewed by the Safety Abroad Standing Committee before grant funds will be disbursed.
• Awardees may be required to provide written verification of other sources of available or expected funding to meet remaining project costs.
• All research involving interventions or interactions with individuals or the collection of identifiable private information concerning living individuals requires prospective Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. Awardees are responsible for obtaining IRB approval when required and must provide documentation of IRB approval before grant funds will be disbursed.
• Awardees are required to present their work in a poster session during the Center for Global Health Annual Open House, which is generally held in late September or early October. If the timing of the trip doesn't allow for presentation at the Open House, the awardee must present at another academic venue, subject to approval of the Center for Global Health and the Pitt Project Advisor.

Application Procedure
This is an annual program; key dates for the 2018 cycle are below.
• Thursday, December 1, 2017: Call for applications released.
• Friday, February 9, 2018: Applications due. Hard copies must be received by 5 p.m. EST; documents that are sent via e-mail must be received by 11:50 p.m. EST. Applications should be submitted to the University of Pittsburgh Center for Global Health, A310 Crabtree Hall, 130 De Soto Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15261. E-mail: CGH@pitt.edu. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.
• Friday, March 2, 2018: Earliest notification date (All applicants will be notified via e-mail).

Application forms and instructions can be found at: https://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/cgh/studentfundingopportunities

For additional information contact CGH@pitt.edu or 412-624-6985.