

**UNMC College of Public Health Global Health
Engagement and Research**

2015 Summer Fellowship Program

This is a call for applications to UNMC students for conducting overseas research in any country that does not have U.S. state department travel restrictions. Students can choose a global project in any public health/health discipline and propose a compelling reason to fund their project. While proposals from the College of Public Health will be given preference, students from other UNMC colleges are also eligible to apply. Students from any UNMC college forming multidisciplinary teams with COPH students will receive special consideration. Mentoring by a UNMC faculty mentor and a local overseas expert are required. Depending on the interest of the student, the types of projects can range from surveillance or evaluation to field, hospital, laboratory, or community-based research. If human subject research is proposed, there should be concrete plans to obtain required IRB and other approvals (if any) from UNMC and the host country in a timely fashion. In case of laboratory-based research, the overseas mentor needs to provide assurance of available infrastructure for the proposed research. For evaluation type work, the overseas mentor needs to provide written assurance on access to the site, population, and necessary data. It will be of additional help if the faculty mentor has plans to travel (at his/her own cost) to the same overseas site during summer, preferably when the student project begins.

This will be a 10 week fellowship beginning in June and ending in mid August. It is expected that the students will spend 4-6 weeks at the global site and rest of the time for preparation and post-research data analysis and writing the report resulting in a manuscript. All students will be required to submit a written report of their work and make an oral presentation at UNMC in Fall 2015. MPH students can utilize the work for their Service Learning/Capstone if required criteria are met. All recipients will be required to submit one manuscript for publication in a peer reviewed journal using the results of their summer fellowship.

Depending on the country of travel and type of work, the expenses will vary. The fellowship will cover air travel-related expenses (air ticket to be purchased by T&T, Air Ambulance, Visa fees etc.), room and board, vehicle rental for field work, hiring of local employees to help in data collection, photocopying study forms, lab reagents/chemicals and other research-related expenses. 20% of the granted amount will be paid to the students upon successful completion of the program. 10% of this will be paid after the presentation is made by the student in Fall at the Special International Seminar days, and the rest 10% upon submission of the manuscript for publication.

Support Letters: One support letter from the UNMC mentor and one from the overseas mentor need to be submitted along with the application. Email communication from the overseas mentor will suffice.

Biosketch: A two-page biosketch (old NIH format) of the UNMC mentor and the student should be provided.

Budget: Provide a short and realistic budget covering cost of air travel, local room and board, laboratory expenses if any, field/local expenses directly related to research and engagement, and other expenses.

Length of Application: The length of the application (excluding references, budget, bio-sketches and support letters) should be limited to three pages using a 0.5 inch margins (all sides) and 11

point Arial font. Please attach the references cited, support letters, and biosketches at the end of the application, making it a single document.

All applications should contain the following sections.

Title of the project

Student Name and contact information (including program and concentration)

Name of the UNMC mentor and contact information

Name of the Overseas mentor and public health institution s/he is affiliated with

Abstract: Provide the summary of your application. Suggested length - 200 words.

Why an overseas experience: In your own words describe how this experience will benefit you and why you could not do this without the summer scholarship. How will this benefit your career, your UNMC mentor and the college in the long run? Suggested length - 150 words.

Description of the site and prior experience/ongoing work by your UNMC mentor in the proposed country of visit: Describe if you or your UNMC mentor has past relationship with the proposed institution and/or overseas mentor. Suggested length - 200 words.

Specific aims

Background and Rationale (from literature, but you can include your mentor's prior work)

Research plans / Work strategy

Innovation (briefly state why this work may have some novelty)

The above sections do not have strict word limits, but the total number of pages should not exceed three pages.

References (a short list), budget, bio-sketches and support letters should follow the three page application.

Service Learning/Capstone for CoPH Students and IRB Issues for all applicants: Please check with your academic advisor and appropriate CoPH offices, if you want to utilize this experience and results of the work to count toward fulfillment of your academic requirements for SL/Capstone, Also, if the proposed research requires UNMC IRB approval before research can begin, it will be the student and mentor's responsibility to obtain those. Please note that all UNMC IRB applications require prior overseas IRB approval. Hence, full blown human subject research may not be feasible under this program unless the student's mentor has an already approved IRB in place.

You can email or call Bruce Grogan at 402-552-6873 for available resources and further questions on this fellowship.

Please send the complete application package to Bruce Grogan at bruce.grogan@unmc.edu by midnight April 16, 2015.