

GLOBAL HEALTH CORPS LONG-TERM INTERNSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in participating in a Global Health Corps internship in the United States of abroad. These long-term projects are both exciting and demanding, and can often be life-changing events. As such, every effort is made to place all qualified students on these projects. However, please realize that funding is limited and that this process is competitive. Responses to all components of the application process as outlined below are weighted and judged by a committee of faculty and student managers in order to select the most qualified people for the field.

At a minimum, all students participating in an internship project with the Global Health Corps must have completed at least the Global Health Corps Domestic Practicum to be considered. If you are selected to participate in a long-term internship, the Global Health Corps will contact you by a telephone. All students selected as Global Health Corps long-term interns must complete a special pre-departure training program through the directors. Please use the following checklist to ensure that you have submitted all required materials.

- _____ Global Health Corps internship application form
- _____ Responses to essay questions
- _____ Completed medical history form
- _____ Completed code of ethics form
- _____ Completed students financial obligation form
- _____ Permission to complete security background check as necessary
- _____ Copies of official transcripts from the University of Northern Iowa and any college you may have attended prior to UNI admission.

**APPLICATION
GLOBAL HEALTH CORPS LONG-TERM INTERNSHIP**

Name: _____ Year in School: _____

Major, Minor, & Concentration Area: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Age: _____

Current Address: _____

Current Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Permanent Telephone: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Telephone: _____

Are you earning a certification area in Global Health at UNI? YES NO

If you are earning a Global Health certification at UNI, please circle all of the following levels, which you have completed already:

- a. Required Academic Coursework
- b. GHC Domestic Practicum
- c. GHC Short-term Mission
- d. GHC Long-term Internship

Even if you are not earning a Global Health Certification at UNI, have you ever completed or are you currently enrolled in the Global Health Corps Domestic Practicum?

- a. Yes (please indicate how many hours and number of semesters: _____)
- b. No

Have you ever participated in a short-term Global Health Corps Mission before?

Yes

No

If so, when and where was the mission?

Please list any foreign languages that you know, and the number of years that you have studied them. Be sure to include high school language classes as well. Also indicate if you are a native speaker of a language other than English.

Please list any coursework (such as International Health, Minority Health, Culture and Health, etc.) or special training and certifications you have had (first aid, nursing, etc.) that you feel would make you a good intern.

Other than Global Health Corps activities, what types of voluntary or paid work experience do you have working with minorities, immigrants, refugees, the homeless, farm families, or other underserved and diverse populations?

Each Global Health Corps internship is worth from 6-12 hours of academic credit. All internships must be taken on a for-credit basis only. In order to earn this credit, you must participate in all of the following:

- Attend a series of mandatory pre-departure meetings with the Global Health Corps,
- Undertake at least one semester of language training when necessary in Spanish, Hebrew, or Fante (these conversational classes are offered through the GHC or UNI)
- Spend 2-4 months in country working approximately 30-40 hours per week on GHC projects
- Maintain contact at least twice a month by telephone, email, or mail with GHC management staff at UNI, and
- Write a 7-page reflection paper on your experiences upon return to the United States

Are you willing to enroll in the mission for academic credit, pay all registration fees required (including summer school tuition when necessary), and complete all of the above requirements without exception?

YES

NO

Why are you interested in participating in a Global Health Corps long-term internship? How will this trip relate your future career goals? What do you hope to gain from it? Why do you think you should be selected for a particular project?

Global Health Corps long-term internships are extremely rewarding but very demanding projects that immerse students in poverty and stretch their limits. The projects are not designed to provide “poverty tourism”. Housing conditions tend to be sparse, and work projects can be extremely challenging to do cultural, economic, language, and other barriers. Students that are “high maintenance” and require a significant amount of direction, comfort, and predictable routines in their lives are not encouraged to apply.

Please rank yourself according to the following scale:

	Low	Med	High
Willingness to work long hours with few breaks	1	2	3
Willingness to be next to people with infectious diseases	1	2	3
Willingness to potentially go several days with no shower	1	2	3
Willingness to live with local families in poverty	1	2	3
Willingness to use primitive toilet facilities	1	2	3
Willingness to eat only local, foreign food	1	2	3
Willingness to drink only bottled water and pop	1	2	3
Willingness to be flexible and deal with many schedule changes	1	2	3
Willingness to be a minority in a foreign country	1	2	3
Willingness to learn basic phrases in a foreign language	1	2	3
Willingness to work as a team and help others students	1	2	3
Willingness to teach a foreign audience with a translator	1	2	3

Please list two professional or academic references that we may contact if necessary for further information about you. You may **NOT** list any GHC faculty, such as Drs. Michele Yehieli, Sue Joslyn, Dennis Cryer, or Linda K. Miller.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Please indicate below the Global Health Corps internship sites in which you are most interested. Also note what semester you would like to go there. Generally speaking, at least six to twelve months prior notice is needed by the Global Health Corps before placing a student at an internship site. Students should be aware that all internship projects may be cancelled or changed at any time by the GHC due to factors beyond our control, such as flight availability, natural disasters, bad weather, political unrest, lack of funding, and many others. Exact dates and departure times for the internships below will be arranged by you and Dr. Dennis Cryer, Head of Long-Term projects for the GHC. Please Rank the trips on the lines below in order of your preference, with “1” being your first choice and “2” being your second choice. All students should select at least one alternate site in the event their first choice is full or needs to be canceled.

Preferred Semester of participation: Spring Summer Fall Year: _____

_____ Tiberias, Israel
Health education, wellness promotion, public health programming, and
Leisure/physical education programming for minority populations in the Israeli
and Arab Sectors.

_____ Cape Coast, Ghana
School health, village health education, primary care screenings, and family
health programming with low-income populations.

_____ Cuernavaca, Mexico
Public health education and school health programming for mothers, children,
indigenous populations, and low-income families. *At least moderate Spanish
language skills are required.

_____ St. Lucia, Caribbean
Hospital health education, public health programming, and health promotion
programming for women, children, and other at-risk populations.

_____ Center for the Victims of Torture, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Human rights and public health programming for diverse refugees, war victims,
and survivors of genocide in the upper Midwest.

_____ Other. _____

Global Health Corps Internship

Essay Questions

Please answer each of the following questions. Each response should be typed, double spaced, and no more than one page in length for each question.

1. You are participating in a long-term internship with Global Health Corps in a tropical developing country. You are housed with another UNI student in a sparse dormitory room. Electricity is sporadic, and there is no heating or air conditioning. Mosquitoes and bugs are very common. You can only drink bottled water, since the tap water is polluted. Also, the shower water is always cold, often sporadic, and only comes out in a drizzle. There is no television. Describe your reaction to these conditions, and explain how willing you are to live under these conditions on a daily basis for four months.

2. You are enrolled for a Global Health Corps internship for a four-month semester in a foreign country. After the exciting first month where you were thrilled with everything being different, your feelings now begin to change. You are the only American on-site. All your co-workers and host family members are natives of the country you're working in, and do not speak English well. There is no telephone or email access to home. Everything you do at your work site seems to move so slowly because of cultural differences and language barriers, so things can be very frustrating for you. Describe how you might deal with the homesickness and cultural shock that are very typically experienced by many people when they live in a foreign country for a long time.

MEDICAL HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

GHC / University of Northern Iowa
220 Wellness/Recreation Center
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50614-0241

Phone: (319) 273-6411
Fax: (319) 273-6413
Email: global@globalhealthcorps.org

This questionnaire is intended solely for your self-protection overseas. By making your medical history available, the GHC will be able to help you get fast medical assistance and contact your family as soon as possible in case of emergency.

Student Demographic Information

NAME: _____ SEX: _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

MARITAL STATUS: single married Number of Children: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY:

Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Telephone: _____
Address: _____

NAME OF PERSONAL PHYSICIAN: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Please list any allergies you have to medications, plants, food, or other items:

What is your blood type: A B AB O negative / positive

Has anyone in your family ever had (check if yes)

- _____ Diabetes
- _____ Cancer
- _____ Mental Illness
- _____ Heart disease
- _____ Epilepsy/seizure

What other diseases or conditions run in your family?

Please check if you have had or are receiving medical treatment for:

Asthma	YES	NO
Diabetes	YES	NO
Heart Problems	YES	NO
Cancer/Tumor	YES	NO
Chronic cough	YES	NO
Chest Pain	YES	NO
Arthritis	YES	NO
Kidney Trouble	YES	NO
Epilepsy	YES	NO
Skin Trouble	YES	NO
Vision Problems	YES	NO
Hearing Problems	YES	NO
High Blood Pressure	YES	NO
Frequent Headache	YES	NO
Back/Neck Problems	YES	NO
Wrist of Knee Problems	YES	NO
Drug Problems	YES	NO
Sexual Transmitted Diseases	YES	NO
Eating Problems	YES	NO
Emotional Problems	YES	NO
Tuberculosis	YES	NO

Please list all other medical, dental, and mental conditions that you currently experience or may have had in the past:

Female Only

Pregnant: YES NO

What medications are you currently taking, and what conditions are they for?

I authorize the University of Northern Iowa to release medical information to health care providers in the event of illness or injury.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA GLOBAL HEALTH CORPS CODE OF ETHICS & CONDUCT

1. I will observe the right to confidentiality, privacy, and dignity of the individual I serve.
2. I will promote change and participation by choice, not by coercion.
3. I will report an unethical event if it occurs.
4. I will not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnic affiliation, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, disability, or education level represented in population served or trained.
5. I will not participate in any activity, or act in a manner, with intent to persuade any persons about religion, sexual orientation, or political belief.
6. I will record and report events and activities honestly and professionally.
7. I will administer informed consents when deemed appropriately.
8. I will be culturally competent when services and events are provided.
9. I will support an environment that promotes individual and organizational growth and development.

Code of Conduct

Participating in the Global Health Corps activities is a privilege. Students are therefore, required to conduct themselves in accordance with generally recognized codes of behavior. Honesty and integrity must prevail in every endeavor as we participate in the Global Health Corps activities. The goals of the Global Health Corps are explicit, as a specialized unit that prepares students and other professionals interested in promoting health in diverse and underserved populations.

The program therefore does not expend resources and time on activities other than for which it was designed. Individuals who intentionally choose to disrupt or impede the progress and growth of the program will not be tolerated. The following conduct will be required of all participants of the GHC activities, for both domestic and international missions.

1. Dressing appropriately at all times is required. Always find out the acceptable form of dressing for the culture involved. Students must dress modestly at all times for their own safety.
2. Excessive consumption of alcohol, underage drinking, or drunkenness is prohibited throughout the entire period of the mission. In most countries, no drinking of alcohol will be allowed by team members, as deemed appropriate by faculty.
3. Illegal consumption or illegal possession of any controlled substance is forbidden during the entire period of the mission.
4. Cigarette smoking is not allowed during the conduct of Global Health Corps activities and inside buildings where the team is lodging.
5. Possession of any weapon or the use of any object as a weapon during the entire period of the mission is forbidden.
6. Use of profanity, i.e. inappropriate or disparaging language, including racial, epithets, is not permitted – common courtesy must prevail.
7. Respect for all cultures must be observed. Intolerant behavior and arrogance toward any people or their cultures is not allowed.
8. Shoplifting, theft, destruction, or damage to personal properties of colleagues/staff or any other persons is forbidden.
9. Fighting, instigating, or intentionally inflicting injury to colleagues/staff or any other persons is prohibited.
10. Assault of colleagues/staff either physically or verbally is not allowed.
11. A member wishing to move or stay away from the group must inform the staff/group leader. Wandering away from group without informing the staff/group leader is a punishable offense.

I have read and I understand the provisions in this document. I understand that if I fail to follow the GHC regulations, I may have disciplinary action taken against me, which includes, but not limited to, receiving an F for the course grade or suspension from the university. These actions are in addition to any criminal or civil charges that may be brought against me. I also understand that violating the GHC code of conduct may result in untoward events, such as being raped, mugged, or physically abused.

Full Name of Participant (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Global Health Corps Student Financial Obligation Form

The Global Health Corps will help make partial funding available for students selected to participate in short- and long-term missions. Additional funding is sometimes available for students through various sources on campus, including experiential learning grants, intercollegiate academic grants, and study abroad scholarships. In general, though, none of these sources will cover the following items below, for which students are totally responsible. Please place your initials by each item in order to indicate that you understand your financial obligations to pay these costs when participating on a Global Health Corps mission or internship.

_____ University registration fees and mandatory textbooks for a Global Health Corps Mission (3 hours) or a Global Health Corps Internship (up to 12 hours). This includes summer school tuition fees for projects taking place May, June, July, or early August.

_____ Food, beverage, bottled water, and personal telephone costs during the entire length of your stay on project, as well as any excessive utility fees.

_____ Valid passport for all projects outside the United States (generally up to \$80).

_____ Valid visas to travel to some countries outside the United States (generally up to \$100 when required).

_____ Required vaccinations and immunizations (can potentially be up to approximately \$700 for a complete set to some countries, although students with private health insurance can often receive many of these shots at low cost).

_____ Required emergency medical and evacuation insurance (approximately \$25-\$70 through the Global Health Corps group program, depending on the length of the stay).

_____ Any special clothing or uniforms deemed necessary for the project by the leaders, such as business dresses, walking shoes, Global Health Corps t-shirts, ect.

_____ Any costs related to changes in airline tickets, in-country transportation fees, for lodging due to inappropriate students behavior or students-initiated changes in itinerary.

_____ Any souvenirs, tips, unexpected emergency costs, or other travel expenses not covered by the Global Health Corps funding.

