

## **GLOBAL HEALTH CORPS SHORT-TERM MISSION APPLICATION**

Thank you for your interest in a Global Health Corps (GHC) short-term mission in the United States or abroad. These 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 application 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 competent and cohesive team in the field.

At a minimum, all students participating on a mission or internship project with the GHC must have completed at least the Global Health Corps Domestic Practicum to be considered. Also, students who have already participated in a short-term GHC mission are not eligible to be considered for another short-term project. They can, however, apply for a long-term internship position. If you are selected to participate in a short-term mission, the GHC will contact you by telephone. In order to give students the greatest chance to be accepted for a project, all applications will be kept on file for the current academic year. Since team rosters and available projects can change unexpectedly, you could be notified of an opening at any time during the academic year for which you are qualified. Feel free to update your application as needed during this period as well. Please use the following checklist to ensure that you have submitted all required materials. Applications are accepted on a continuing basis throughout the year.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Global Health Corps Mission Application Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Responses to essay questions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Medical History Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Code of Ethics Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Student Financial Obligation Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copies of official transcripts from the University of Northern Northern Iowa and any college you may have attended prior to UNI admission

**APPLICATION  
GLOBAL HEALTH CORPS SHORT-TERM MISSION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Major, Minor, & Concentration Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are you earning a certificate or concentration area in Global Health at UNI? Yes No

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

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

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

- a. Yes (please indicate number of credit hours and number of semesters: \_\_\_\_\_)
- b. No

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

- a. Yes
- b. No

Please list any foreign languages that you know, the number of years that you have studied them, and fluency. Be sure to include high school level language classes as well, and 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, CPR, etc.) that you feel would make you a valuable team member.

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 mission is worth three credit hours. All trips must be taken on a for-credit basis only. In order to earn this credit, you must participate in a series of mandatory pre-departure meetings with the Global Health Corps, spend 7-10 days in the field on the mission with long hours, and attend a mandatory team debriefing meeting upon return. Students must also write a 5-page reflection paper and be willing to make a conference presentation on their trip. 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 attendance requirements? Yes No

All international Global Health Corps short-term missions are designated as “health promoting” trips. In other words, team members are expected to remain alcohol and drug free from the beginning to the end of the trip, even during the hours they are not working with clients. Smoking will not be allowed during work hours, in public, or in any group living quarters. Are you willing to abide by these rules? Yes No

Why are you interested in participating in a Global Health Corps mission?  
How will this trip relate to your future career goals? What do you hope to gain?

Global health Corps international missions are extremely rewarding but very demanding trips that immerse students in poverty and stretch their limits. The trips are not designed to provide “poverty tourism.” Students that are “high maintenance” and require a significant amount of direction, comforts, and predictability 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	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 other 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 Michele Yehieli, Sue Joslyn, Dennis Cryer, Linda Miller, or Stacy Van Gorp.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **GLOBAL HEALTH CORPS MISSION ESSAY QUESTIONS**

Please answer each of the following questions. Each answer should be typed, double spaced, and no more than 1 paragraph in length. Responses that are longer than one paragraph each will not be read.

1. Situation: You are in the middle of an indigenous village, surrounded by people. As another student is taking blood pressures, you are asked by a woman to hold her child while your team member checks her. The boy looks to be ill with severe scabies on his skin, and is coughing heavily from what may be pneumonia. How would you handle the mom's request to hold her child?
2. Situation: The host family you are staying with offers you a mixed alcoholic drink with dinner. You know that Global Health Corps policies do not allow you to drink alcohol while on missions. Considering that some cultures might be highly offended if you decline their offer, what would you do?
3. Situation: You do not like the very spicy food that is served to you by your local host family where you are staying during a mission. How would you handle this situation without offending the family?
4. Situation: The team vehicle you are traveling in breaks down in the middle of nowhere. There is no running water, showers, or restrooms. It will likely take at least another 18 hours before the vehicle can be fixed or someone comes to pick you up. How would you react in this situation?
5. Situation: English is NOT spoken widely in the country where your mission is being conducted. The translator that had been hired to help you with a presentation does not show up. The health education presentation you need to give is supposed to start in a few minutes. What would you do?

## MEDICAL HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

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

Phone: (319) 273-6411  
Fax: (319) 273-6413

E-mail: [global@globalhealthcorps.org](mailto:global@globalhealthcorps.org)

This questionnaire is intended for your self-protection on domestic and international missions. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

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:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please list your blood type, if known:    A    B    AB    O    negative/positive

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

\_\_\_\_\_    Diabetes  
\_\_\_\_\_    Cancer  
\_\_\_\_\_    Mental Illness  
\_\_\_\_\_    Heart Disease  
\_\_\_\_\_    Epilepsy

What other diseases or conditions run in your family?

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**Please check if you have had or received 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 Problem	YES	NO
Hearing Problem	YES	NO
High Blood Pressure	YES	NO
Frequent Headaches/Migraines	YES	NO
Back/Neck Problems	YES	NO
Wrist or Knee Problems	YES	NO
Drug Problems	YES	NO
Sexual Transmitted Disease	YES	NO
Eating Problems/Disorders	YES	NO
Emotional Problems	YES	NO
Mental Health Conditions	YES	NO
Tuberculosis	YES	NO
<b>Female Only</b>		
Pregnant	YES	NO

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

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

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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 AND CONDUCT**

**Code of Ethics**

1. I will observe the right to confidentiality, privacy, and dignity of the individuals 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, skin 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 appropriate to do so.
8. I will be culturally competent when providing services and events, and at all times when representing Global Health Corps.
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 a specialized unit that prepares students and other professionals interested in promoting health in diverse and underserved populations.

The program 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 GHC 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, inappropriate or disparaging language, including racial epithets, is not permitted. Common courtesy must prevail at all times.
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 the 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 and policies, I may have disciplinary action taken against me, which includes, but is 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. Additionally, I understand that if I violate GHC regulations, I may be sent home at my own expense.

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 a project, as well as any excessive utility fees.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Valid passport for all projects outside the United States (generally \$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 length of 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, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any costs related to changes in airline tickets, in-country transportation fees, or for lodging and transportation due to inappropriate student behavior or student-initiated changes in itinerary.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any souvenirs tips, unexpected emergency costs, or other travel expenses not covered by Global Health Corps funding.

