**Global Health Equity Travel Award for Residents, Students (Undergraduate and Graduate), Staff and Community Partners**

**With the College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan**

The College of Medicine’s Global Health Committee oversees the College’s global health initiatives and works in collaboration with other groups promoting global health in the College and beyond. The Committee is responsible for dispensing funds from the College of Medicine to support the involvement of residents, students (both undergraduate and graduate), post-doctoral fellows, and non-faculty staff, including justified community partners in global health-related projects.

This fund is intended to offset travel costs for a global health experience and/or elective requirement. The funding is provided to support educational activities within or linked to projects or programs rooted in the concept of social accountability. Such projects or programs may include clinical healthcare, community-based healthcare, health promotion, health-related community development and/or global health research initiatives. Awards can also be used to: 1) conduct global health research in an international setting; 2) undertake travel related to global health-related courses for either their program or for continuing education purposes; or 3) present their research at a global health conference.

Priority will be given to initiatives that contribute to: 1) **the internationalization of the College of Medicine learning environment**; 2) raising awareness of global health issues among faculty and students in the College of Medicine and the University of Saskatchewan; 3) increasing global health awareness in the wider community; 4) increasing global health research into issues of concern in low-resource settings; 5) capacity building in health care, education, and research at international settings as well as capacity building in global health scholarship at the COM University of Saskatchewan. In addition to this, priority will be given to initiatives that seek to understand and address health inequities, take place in low-resource settings, involve projects or sites that have prior University of Saskatchewan faculty or community practitioner involvement and have a faculty member or community-based faculty willing to mentor the applicant.

The COM Global Health Travel Awards Committee will discuss and rank all applications. Decisions will be made based on the aforementioned priorities as well as fit with the College of Medicine’s global health initiative which is rooted in the concept of social accountability. The committee will preferentially designate some funding to new projects or project direction.

**Funding available**

**The total amount of funding available can vary. NO AWARD CAN EXCEED $2000**.

***NOTE: Funding will be paid after travel has been completed.***

**Award Requirements**

In order to qualify for the award, applicants must meet the following requirements:

* Must be either a University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine resident, undergraduate student, graduate student, or staff member OR a staff member/active working partner involved in a program associated with a University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine member.
* The applicant must be working directly with a supervisor who has been appropriately screened and accepted by the COM Global Health Committee.
* Complete a free global health orientation session administered through the College of Medicine Global Health Committee, when applicable. This orientation will take place before departure and will consist of presentations by resource persons experienced in global health, facilitated group discussions, self-assessments and required on-line reading modules.
* Complete the tasks within the International Travel Registry 30 days prior to trip start date, as outlined in the University of Saskatchewan policy on *International Travel Risk Management – Academic Mobility Programs* at <http://www.usask.ca/university_secretary/policies/academic/7_01.php>
* If at any time an “Avoid non-essential travel” or more severe travel advisory has been issued by the Government of Canada’s DFATD for the country or region you are planning to travel to, the COM Global Health Committee has the authority to pull the award <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>
* The applicant MUST present on the initiative in a publicized open presentation (e.g. Global Health Series, academic seminar, etc.) forum within **SIX MONTHS** of completion of funded project. The timing and mode of the presentation by the applicant will be discussed with members of the COM Global Health committee.
* All applicants must complete a “Post-Travel Survey” and submit it to the Global Health Manager within **ONE MONTH** of completion of funded project.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

**Please submit the following documents electronically:**

* Application form (attached)
* In a separate attachment (2 pages maximum), please provide:
  + A description of the program in which you will be participating. Be sure to include information about the international site/context and other partner organizations involved (if applicable).
  + Rationale and objectives of the proposed activity.
  + An explanation as to how your proposed activity fits with the College of Medicine global health initiative (Is it rooted in the concept of social accountability? Does it seek to understand and address health inequities? Is it focused on low-resource settings?)
  + Timeline.
  + Expected outcomes or deliverables.
  + Budget proposal (with justification). Please list all financial sources associated with your proposed activity and/or include information on other potential sources of funding.
  + Your plan to share your global health experience with the U of S community.
* If applying for **global health course support** the application should include: 1) a course syllabus; 2) a confirmation from the course instructor that the student is accepted and/or registered in the course; and 3) a confirmation of the student’s status (program or non-program).
* If applying to present research at a **global health conference**, the application should include: 1) information about the research conducted; 2) the stage of research/analysis; 3) the conference at which the student has applied to present their research; 4) a copy of their *accepted* presentation/abstract for this meeting;

Applicants are encouraged to consider how their proposed activity fits with the College of Medicine global health initiative which is rooted in the concept of social accountability and which seeks to understand and address health inequities through respectful and reciprocal partnerships and is focused on low-resource settings.

**Selected applicants must claim their award by March 30, 2023**

The travel award payment will be made upon completion of all applicable requirements, but no later than March 30, 2023. In cases where the global health experience takes place after March 30, 2023, purchases of airplane tickets and other advanced travel expenses such as visas and immunizations should be incurred before March 30, 2023 so that the Travel Award funds can be disbursed by March 30, 2023. If travel is to be completed after March 30, 2023, we suggest applying to the call for applications in the next budget year beginning May 1, 2023. Recipients of the Award are responsible for submission of all necessary paperwork and original receipts related to their travel.

Thank you for your interest. For additional information on the application procedure please contact Global Health Manager, Carlyn Seguin; Carlyn.seguin@usask.ca

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