

Global Health Institute Faculty and Staff Travel Grants Awarded

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Global Health Institute (GHI) is pleased to announce six travel grants awarded to UW faculty and staff members. These grants are awarded to GHI affiliates to support international travel related to educational or research activities, including development of global health courses, initiation of field experiences and field research which pertain to the mission of the GHI. Preference was given to proposals that address important global health issues, have an interdisciplinary focus, have potential for ongoing relationships with the host site and offer tangible educational or research benefits. The review panel selected the following outstanding submissions that characterize initiatives that the Institute seeks to support.

Congratulations to the UW Global Health award recipients! We look forward to presentations of their projects at future GHI seminars.

Douglas Dulli, MD

Professor, Department of Neurology
UW School of Medicine and Public Health,

ETHIOPIA

Project: “We are establishing a neurology clinical and teaching rotation at Addis Ababa University (AAU) in coordination with the Ethiopia-Medical Education Partnership Initiative and the UW ACGME Global Health. We plan to have two of our senior neurology residents rotate there in October 2013, and this award will be used to fund an exploratory/organizational trip in May to collaborate with the AAU Neurology faculty. I have been in communication with their faculty neurologists, and have made plans to set up our residents' training, as well as teaching and lecture activities for both UW and AAU residents.”

Thomas L. Eggert

Senior Lecturer, UW School of Business
Outreach Director for Business Sustainability, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies

HAITI

Project: “The Global Health Institute Faculty and Staff Travel Award will support training of local leaders of the Haiti Microfinance Project on tracking the flow of money within the project and documenting changes in the quality of life of loan recipients. In addition, groundwork will be established with existing microfinance institutions in Haiti so that current loan recipients can become eligible for larger loans from existing institutions.”

Mark Lucarelli, MD, FACS

Professor, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Services
Director, Oculofacial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Service
UW School of Medicine and Public Health

MEXICO

Project: “In January, 2013, our team will travel to Clinica Pena de Horeb in rural Chiapas, Mexico to advance the ongoing partnership with the UW Division of International Ophthalmology. There, alongside several other surgical teams from the United States and Mexico, we will provide oculoplastic surgery to patients with eyelid, tear duct, and ocular disorders. This trip provides educational opportunities for Clinica Pena de Horeb's two full-time physicians and their staff and emphasizes local capacity-building.”

Amit J. Nimunkar, PhD

Associate Faculty Associate, Department of Biomedical Engineering
UW College of Engineering

SIERRA LEONE

Project: “In summer 2013, I will co-lead a global health field course for undergraduate students in Sierra Leone. Students will work in teams on a multidisciplinary cross-cultural design project with selected students from the University of Sierra Leone Fourah Bay College (FBC) to develop sustainable community-based environmental healthcare approaches to track and prevent waterborne disease outbreaks in Sierra Leone. This award will allow me to make an exploratory visit to assess the site and make necessary logistical arrangements for the UW students. The project site and instructional needs will be evaluated and plans made so that we can forge a successful collaboration between the UW and FBC.”

Mark Petrovani, MD

Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine
UW School of Medicine and Public Health

BELIZE

Project: “I will be using the award to defray the cost of my anticipated trip to Southern Belize to take over responsibility for the ongoing relationship between the UWSMPH and the Hillside Clinic which is in its tenth year of providing free health care to the people of this impoverished region. My main goal is to continue the strong participation of our medical students in this excellent international rotation and to provide mentorship to these students both here at home and while in-country in Belize. I would further like to get an understanding of the needs of the community served by the clinic in order to spearhead a coordinated effort by all of the entities here at the UW who are involved in providing service to this clinic. My ultimate goal would be to harness the diverse resources and talents available here at the university to help provide an interdisciplinary and sustainable service to this population.”

James Svenson, MD

Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
UW School of Medicine and Public Health

ZAMBIA

Project: “This award will be used to explore the possibility of establishing a training program in Emergency Medicine in Zambia. Based on the success of the Ethiopian twinning model and at the request of Zambian government officials, we hope to establish the groundwork to outline a viable project and make a formal funding proposal for a similar twinning program.”