

# NANCY SANDERS MEMORIAL STUDENT STUDY ABROAD TRAVEL AWARD



## Introduction

The Global Engagement Office (GEO) of West Virginia University Health Sciences is pleased to announce the availability of a competitive grant opportunity for students currently enrolled in degree programs at Health Sciences. The purpose of these awards is to support expenses related to participation in global health field placements as well as an introductory approach to healthcare related or community-based research projects. The intent of this funding is geared towards promoting a set of basic or community-based research tools that will help the students to objectively and scientifically approach larger and more complex research projects in the future.

## Eligibility

These awards will utilize a self-nomination process and are open to any currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate full-time student in good standing at Health Sciences. Please note that in no instance will a student be awarded more than one award, nor be considered competitively in subsequent years of study after having received an award. Up to ten (10) awards of \$2,000.00 each are available for the academic year. Two of these ten awards is prioritized for an outbound placement through the Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) program of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). Please note that the selection process is coordinated through the GEO and will reflect the selection criteria listed below.

## Selection Criteria

All applicants must demonstrate that they have satisfactorily met the following selection criteria. The selection criteria to be reviewed by the GEO Award Committee includes:

- ✓ Academic excellence
- ✓ Demonstrated leadership
- ✓ Potential and/or evidence of impact of work
- ✓ Commitment to improving and advancing global health within Health Sciences

Preference will be given to students participating in interprofessional global health activities—sites in which students interact with those from other HSC disciplines—and from programs currently considered to be relatively underrepresented in global health activities.

## Application Requirements

All applicants are required to submit a completed application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. A completed application will include the following items and abide by the rules and requirements provided below (e.g., 12-point font and 1 inch margins):

- ✓ A curriculum vitae (CV)
- ✓ A statement—one page maximum with 12-point font and 1 inch margins—that includes the academic and professional background of the applicant, specific interests and career goals, and a summary of how the applicant will use the scholarship if selected
- ✓ Two recommendations—submitted electronically by the recommenders—from individuals familiar with the academic performance and achievements of the applicant, as well as actual and/or potential professional impact on their field of study.

- *One recommendation must be from a faculty member within the department where the applicant is receiving instruction.*
- ✦ A summary of purpose for studying abroad in a target country

### **Submission Requirements**

Completed applications should be submitted electronically to the Global Engagement Program Manager at [Joanna.DiStefano@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:Joanna.DiStefano@hsc.wvu.edu). Submissions must be received by the close of business (5:00 P.M.) on Friday, October 18, 2019.

### **Additional Notes & Contact Information**

Complete applications will be reviewed by the GEO Award Committee. Recipients of the Nancy Sanders Memorial Student Study Abroad Travel Award will be announced by November 1, 2019. For any question, please contact GEO.

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