

The Nancy Sanders Memorial Student Study Abroad Travel Award

1. INTRODUCTION

The Global Engagement Office (GEO) of the West Virginia University (WVU) Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center (HSC) is pleased to announce the availability of 5 competitive scholarship opportunities for students currently enrolled in degree programs within the HSC. 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.

2. APPLICATION PROCESS

These awards will utilize a self-nomination process and are open to any currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate full-time students in good standing in the HSC schools. 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 5 awards of \$2,000 each are available for the academic year. Please note that the selection process is coordinated through the GEO and will reflect the selection criteria below.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

The GEO Awards Committee will review applicants based on:

- academic excellence
- demonstrated leadership
- potential and/or evidence of impact of work
- commitment to improving and advancing global health within the HSC

Preference will be given to students participating in inter-professional global health activities (sites in which students interact with those from other HSC schools) and from programs currently considered to be relatively underrepresented in global health activities.

4. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

1. A curriculum vitae (CV)
2. A statement (one page maximum, 12 pt. font, 1" margins) that includes: Applicant's academic and professional background, Specific interests and career goals, How the applicant would use the scholarship if selected
3. Two recommendations, submitted electronically by the recommenders, from individuals familiar with the nominee's academic performance and achievements, as well as actual and/or potential professional impact on the student's field of study. One recommendation must be from a faculty member within the student's department.
4. A summary of purpose for studying abroad at a target country

5. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Completed applications should be sent electronically to Carrie Waybright (cwaybrig@hsc.wvu.edu) and must be received by Friday, March 31, 2017.