

## Graduate Medical Education Overview and Requirements for Global Health Elective Rotations

### **Background**

Recognizing the important role that Global Health education can play in a physician trainee's professional development, UW Health will support the equivalent of up to 26 four-week Global Health rotations per academic year. This document details the process by which this may occur.

### **Objectives**

UW Health aims to support Global Health experiences that:

- Are of high educational value
- Will be responsibly implemented with appropriate supervision and structure
- Offer benefit to both trainee and host site
- Are ethically sound and culturally appropriate
- Will allow for prioritization of the safety and welfare of trainees

### **Rotation Approval Process**

For the purpose of this application, the term Resident shall refer to both residents and fellows.

Residents who wish to incorporate a Global Health elective into their training must submit an application for a Global Health rotation to the UW Health Graduate Medical Education Office. This must be completed by the resident and signed-off on by the Program Director.

The GME Global Health Subcommittee must approve all applications for Global Health elective rotations prior to the resident or Program Director finalizing plans for the elective rotation. Applications are typically due April 1st for the next academic year. **For the 2023-24 academic year the applications will begin to be accepted starting May 1<sup>st</sup> and will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all spots are filled.** It should be noted that the committee may not be able to review and approve applications submitted less than two (2) months prior to departure. Residents are encouraged to submit applications AT LEAST six (6) months prior to their desired travel dates. Please note that applications must be complete; incomplete applications will not be considered/reviewed.

Rotations that meet all criteria outlined below will be considered for approval. Residents approved for Global Health rotations will continue to receive salary support and malpractice coverage from UW Health during their Global Health rotation. Additionally, emergency evacuation coverage will be provided by UW Health for the duration of the resident's rotation (time spent abroad outside of the approved rotation time period will not be covered).

### **Requirements for Application**

All requirements below must be met to be considered by the GME Global Health Subcommittee. Given the limited number of rotation slots available please note that fulfilling all requirements does not guarantee that a rotation will be approved.

- Residents must have completed at least their first year of training and be in good academic standing (residents in academic failure are not eligible for application); this must be endorsed by the resident's Program Director.
- Only rotations in resource-limited settings will be considered (residents wishing to complete an international rotation in a non-resource limited setting do not qualify for this process and should pursue an alternate process through their program and the GME office).
- On-site supervision by a locally certified health professional must be guaranteed for the duration of the resident's rotation.
- The on-site supervisor must be able to provide an evaluation of the resident's performance.
- Residents must identify a UW Faculty member willing to serve as their mentor in preparing for and completing their Global Health rotation.
- The goals & objectives for the rotation must supplement the curriculum offered at the UW and be reviewed by the resident's program director.
- The proposed rotation must allow the resident to remain compliant with the resident's ACGME Review Committee and specialty board requirements.
- Vacation time used during the rotation may not exceed typical vacation allotted during other rotations within the resident's program.

### **Preferred Characteristics for Global Health Rotations**

Rotations will be prioritized based upon educational merit, fit with the goals of UWH, and the ability to contribute to a sustainable and mutually beneficial relationship between UWH and partner sites.

The following criteria will increase the likelihood that a rotation will be approved and are suggested to provide a more optimal experience:

- Sites that have previously hosted trainees, have the ability to provide ongoing UW and UW Health involvement, have longstanding or well-developed UW or UWH partnerships, or are staffed by UW faculty or UW affiliated faculty members
- Departments that have identified a faculty member (with protected time and administrative support) responsible for discipline-specific Global Health education for trainees
- Departments in which a longitudinal Global Health curriculum with competency-based goals & objectives and a standardized evaluation system is available

### **Additional Requirements for Approved Rotations**

If approved for a Global Health rotation, residents will be required to:

- Participate in mandatory pre-trip orientation sessions prior to travel (both a general orientation and a site-specific orientation).
- Sign a professionalism agreement related to their conduct abroad.
- Attend travel clinic and follow all advised travel precautions.
- Review the US State Department Country Report website for travel advisories and CDC website for health-related advisories (these should be reviewed by the resident's UW Faculty Mentor as well).
- Register with the US Embassy prior to travel.
- Designate persons both at the elective site and in the U.S. who may be contacted in the event of an emergency.
- Complete all necessary paperwork and provide all necessary documentation to the residency program and the GME Office prior to travel (including a copy of their passport, travel itinerary, medical evacuation insurance card, and emergency contact form).
- Ensure that their clinical obligations at the UW Health will be covered in their absence.

Upon completion of the rotation, residents will be required to:

- Submit a copy of the [evaluation from their on-site supervisor](#) to their residency Program Director and the GME Office.
- Complete a written [evaluation of the rotation](#) and provide a copy to their Program Director as well as the GME Office.
- Provide the GME Office with a [written summary of their rotation](#).
- Meet with their Faculty Mentor for debriefing and feedback regarding the rotation.

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