GLOBAL HEALTH STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE PREAPPROVAL

Attach an International Experience Proposal to this completed form then submit both to the Global Health Studies Program (see the Global Health Studies certificate website for location). International Experience Proposals must be approved by the Global Health Studies Program prior to student departure.

For students seeking the GHSP travel award (see the International Programs website for the application), this form with the International Experience Proposal, and the GHSP travel award application all must be submitted by April 1st for summer and fall semester travel, and November 1st for spring semester travel.

Student Name________________________________ Student ID number________________

E-mail____________________________ Major/degree program ________________________

Site of international experience_____________________________________________________

Dates of travel______________________________________________________________

If academic credit will be earned, course number, title, and s.h. _______________________

Check here if you are submitting a GHSP international travel award application _____

Faculty Supervisor Name________________________________________________________

Faculty Supervisor E-mail________________________________________________________

Human Subjects in Research: Any research project which involves "human subjects" must be reviewed by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) prior to the initiation of the project. Students should complete an online IRB determination form at: http://hso.research.uiowa.edu/human-subjects-research-determinations. Proof of the determination/ review process must also be submitted to the Global Health Studies Program. Contact the IRB at 319/335-6465 or irb@uiowa.edu

My research project is subject to IRB approval (please check one):

____ Yes
____ No

Faculty Approval: I agree to serve as faculty supervisor of this project, have approved the attached project proposal, and the student and I have agreed on the expectations and grading criteria for this project. Furthermore, I am permitted, under my home department’s guidelines, to supervise independent research projects.

Faculty signature:________________________________________ Date:________________

Student Statement: I have reviewed all policies and procedures for the Global Health Studies international experience, have talked with my faculty supervisor about expectations and grading criteria for this project, and understand all requirements and deadlines.

Student Signature________________________________________ Date:_____________
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Students must develop and conduct a research project. Or they may participate in a study-abroad program, service learning, or an internship on a global health/environmental health issue, typically in an international setting. An eight-week experience is considered the optimal amount of time to meet this requirement. See the GHSP website for info on possible funding. Projects require GHSP steering committee approval and supervision by a faculty member.

- Students must submit a completed Preapproval form with an attached Project Proposal prior to departure.
- Students may register for 152:199 (GHS: 4990) Special Projects in Global Health to earn semester hours towards the certificate program for their international experience.
- A maximum of 3 semester hours of academic credit for the international experience, whether in the form of independent study, study abroad, or internship credit, may be applied toward the required minimum 7 s.h. of Global Health elective.
- Students must register their travel through approved University of Iowa channels; contact UI Study Abroad for details.
- A formal written report must be submitted to the GHSP Steering Committee in the semester following the experience.
- In the semester following their international experience, students must present their findings in a public forum.

A significant part of Research Design in Global Health (152:150 /GHS: 3010) is devoted to writing a proposal for an international research experience and students are strongly advised to take this course before submitting a proposal (it is a fall semester only course).

Students must attach an International Experience Proposal to the Preapproval form. The proposal must be typed and must include:

Project summary—In clear and understandable terms, explain what are you proposing to do. What is the central question you are asking? What do you hope to find out?

Background and Purpose—Why is your topic or research question important? Have other scholars written about your topic? How will your approach lead to new insights?

Methodology—What steps will you follow to answer your central question? How will you obtain the information you need?

Location—Where will you be located? Why have you chosen this particular site?

Timeline—When will you start? What is your timeline for completing particular phases of your project or research? When will you be done?

Resources—Who are your contacts overseas? What resources are available to you?

Reading list—What texts are central to your topic? What are you going to read in advance? While there?

Communication—How will you communicate with your supervising professor while you’re abroad? How frequently?

Human subjects -- Proof that an application has been submitted to the Human Subjects Office (Institutional Review Board) if necessary (see Preapproval form)

Emergency contacts—Names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of two emergency contacts, one in the U.S. and one in your host country.