GLOBAL HEALTH STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE PREAPPROVAL

Attach an International Experience Proposal to this completed form then submit both to the Global Health Studies Program in 21 Schaeffer Hall. International Experience Proposals must be approved by the Global Health Studies Program prior to student departure.

Deadline for spring travel is November 1; for summer/fall travel it is March 15.

Students who are also applying for the GHSP travel award submit that application electronically from the International Programs website; the same deadlines apply.

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:_______________
Students who are completing the Global Health Studies certificate must complete an International Experience during which they address an important Global Health issue in a systematic way. Typically this is done in an international setting and eight weeks is considered the optimal amount of time to meet this requirement. The international experience may be completed as part of a study abroad program; a service learning course; an internship; a volunteer experience; or as an independent research project. 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 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 report on their experience in a public forum.

**GHS:3010 Identifying/Developing a Global Health Project** assists students in developing and writing the required proposal for their International Experience (and obtaining financial support when possible). Students are strongly advised to take this course before their International Experience (it is offered only in the fall semester).

**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 you are proposing to do (i.e., research; study abroad; service learning; internship; volunteering). What is the central topic of your experience, or what is your central research question? 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?

**Faculty Mentor**—Who is your faculty mentor, and why are they a good fit for your project/research?

**Methodology**—What steps will you take to obtain information about your topic, or to answer your central question?

**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 finished?

**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 faculty mentor 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)