

Preparing for A Global Experience

A Question Based Guide to Planning for OUWB Students

This guide is adapted from the AAMC Guide developed by Elizabeth Barreras-Rivest. This modification of Ms. Barreras - Rivest's document is specific for OUWB students and our Global Health Initiative.

I. General Questions

1. What do I hope to accomplish through this global experience? Is this realistic?
2. What added value do I bring to the experience and the community where I will be working?
3. What impact can I have on the community/institution at this point in my medical education?
4. How much time can I spend on a global experience?
5. Is this the best time for me to go global? Will I have greater impact at a later time in my education and medical career?

II. Finances

1. How much will this experience cost?
2. Can OUWB support any or all of this experience?
3. Are there scholarship opportunities to support this experience?
4. Am I permitted to start a Go Fund Me effort for this experience?
5. Will any financial support for this experience be deducted from my tuition and housing scholarships and loans?

III. Process

1. What program is best for me at this point in my education as a physician?
2. Should I accompany a Beaumont physician or go on an organized program with CFHI? GHLO?
3. Can I be part of an existing program or research project through OUWB?
4. Do I have language competency for the host country? Are interpreters provided and available daily?
5. Does the host institution/organization provide a medical director and a mentor/supervisor for students?
6. What are medical students permitted to do (without a medical license) in the host country?
7. Does the host country require a special visa for medical student volunteers? Exchange students?

Statement on Use of Photography During Global Experiences/Activities

HIPPA and compliance to the HIPPA law is distinct to the United States. Although host institutions, organizations and community clinics do not or may not have confidentiality rules, when engaged in global activities, all OUWB students, faculty and staff remain professionally obligated to continue to abide by the:

- ✓ Beaumont HIPPA Compliance Policy
- ✓ Confidentiality and Computer Usage Policy
- ✓ OUWB School of Medicine Code of Professional Conduct for Global Experiences & Guidance on Ethical Behavior for Global Experiences

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