

Medical Fellows: Pre-Med/Global Health Gap-Year Program

The Medical Fellows program is an opportunity to work alongside physicians, nurses and community health workers while experiencing the challenges and opportunities present in global settings.

The program is intended for college graduates of any major interested in volunteering in underserved healthcare settings. Our sites are located in Belize, Guatemala, Thailand and rural USA.

We offer two different volunteering tracks:

Medical Fellow

- Live and work in Belize, Guatemala or rural USA; occasional travel to other sites
- Minimum commitment for Guatemala and Belize is 12 months; for the USA is 3 months
- Start dates in the summer

Global Medical Fellow

- Live and work in three different countries assigned according to current needs
- Minimum commitment is 9 months
- Start dates throughout the year

“As a medical fellow you will learn so much about both the complexity and beauty of human culture. Additionally, the program gives you the opportunity to work with various organizations within the community.” ~Medical Fellow Karl (JHU) 2018 – 2019

Work with public health organizations

Learn and work alongside doctors, nurses, community health workers and/or other health workers at each site; provide support in the implementation of small scale community projects.

Develop cross-cultural competence

Live with host families or dormitories in rural villages and small towns, learn the local language, and participate in cultural activities. Overall, learn to appreciate the differences and similarities of each location.

Mentor students

Develop your leadership skills as you mentor the next generation of health professionals during our academic service learning programs for high school students.

Receive training and support

Become trained to deliver health screenings that are directly related to the health issues found in the communities; receive support from our staff and participate in reflection activities with other fellows. Medical Fellows will be granted a Professional Development Fund to be used for language lessons or additional medical training. Plus, those who commit to a 13-month position or longer will receive support to develop and implement health-related projects in their host communities.

Fellows with a Master’s Degree

In collaboration with GPSA staff and local health partners, fellows with a graduate degree will have the opportunity to work on projects to improve health issues in the region. Depending on individual interests and community needs, the MF will be involved in program management & implementation, monitoring &

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evaluation, and community education or capacity building programs that will benefit the local community, GPSA and/or our health partners. Additionally, the MF may be eligible for work on publications.

The **Global Public Service Academy for Health** was founded with an understanding that young adults can make a difference in the world. Through collaboration with local health authorities in each site, our volunteers make a lasting difference in the lives of underserved communities.

For more information or to apply email info@gpsa.org