

OVERSEAS MEDICAL VOLUNTEER & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES for Students Interested in the Health Professions

Opportunities:

Amigos de las Americas (www.amigoslink.org)

Offers training and opportunities for high school and college students in Spanish/Portuguese, community assessment approaches, interpersonal communication, Latin American history and culture, medical self-care, and technical training about specific sustainable development programs. AMIGOS provides opportunities for young people to experience a meaningful cultural exchange in **Latin America** while living with community members and working together on sustainable health, construction, and environmental projects.

Contact Information: Phone: (800)231-7796. Email: info@amigoslink.org

Break Away (www.alternativebreaks.org)

Break Away is a non-profit organization that supports the development of quality alternative break programs in **various countries**. Break Away's mission is to train, assist, and connect campuses and communities in promoting quality alternative break programs that inspire lifelong active citizenship.

Contact Information: Phone: (850)644-0986. Email: breakaway@alternativebreaks.org

Center for International Service Learning (www.islonline.org)

Prepares the next generation of international medical care-givers by sending medical/vision/dental/veterinary teams to **various countries** around the world to experience their stunning beauty as well as learn of its struggles. Do not miss this life changing opportunity to be a real part of the solution as well as learn about some of the root causes of the problems. Serve with projects at remote mission stations, medical clinics, an orphanage, and refugee camps.

Contact Information: Phone: (816)767-0481. Email: info@ISLonline.org

Central Europe Summer Research Institute (www.iie.org/cesri)

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation and managed by the Institute of International Education, CESRI is a fellowship opportunity for U.S. graduate students in science and engineering who are seeking a quality hands-on international research experience in **Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia**. CESRI hopes to improve the expertise of the awardees as scientists and help them think and analyze on a broader, global level. CESRI also hopes to build individual and institutional partnerships, as well as dialogue between the scientific community in the U.S. and Central Europe.

Contact Information: Phone: (212)984-5442. Email: cesri@iie.org

Child Family Health International - Medical Student Exchange Program (www.CFHI.org)

Several International programs available. CFHI is a non-profit organization based in San Francisco, CA. CFHI's International Health Service-Learning Programs help participants develop a larger sense of cultural competency, observe and develop existing clinical skills, and broaden public health knowledge while deepening their commitment to service. International health electives are available in **Ecuador, India, South Africa and Mexico**. Volunteers must be over the age of 21.

Contact Information: Phone: (415)957-9000 Email: students@cfhi.org

Cross-Cultural Solutions (www.crossculturalsolutions.org)

Offers volunteer and intern programs in **Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Peru, Russia, Tanzania, Thailand** from 1-12 weeks long all year. As an international volunteer with Cross-Cultural Solutions, you will be working side-by-side with local people and sharing in the goals of a community that warmly welcomes you. You're experiencing another culture like never before and really getting to know its people.

Contact Information: Phone: (800)380-4777. Email: info@crossculturalsolutions.org

Environmental Field Studies. (<http://www.fieldstudies.org/index.cfm?redirect=yes2>)

Choose from semester and summer programs that serve to protect our environment for future generations. As environmental problems become increasingly more urgent, so must our commitment to finding solutions. SFS students work together with host communities around the world to learn real environmental problem-solving skills. Travel to Australia, Africa, and Central America.

Contact Information: Phone: (978)741-3567 Email: admissions@fieldstudies.org

Global Medical Training (www.gmtonline.org)

Program provides free humanitarian health care services to **Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama and Mexico (Yucatan)**. GMT trains/requires student participation in "providing supervised healthcare, including medical assessment and the development of a treatment plan." It gives students the chance to experience the cultural, social, historical and political life as well. GMT describes their international trips to be "life-changing experiences" for students who are interested in pursuing a health-care profession.

Contact Information: Phone: (815)622-1605. Email: info@gmtonline.org

Global Service Corp. (www.globalservicecorps.org)

GSC offers effective community development volunteer service learning programs in **Africa and Asia**. GSC community training and development programs are offered year round, from two weeks to one year, in HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention, Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security, International Public Health, Cultural & Buddhist Immersion and Orphanage Care.

Contact Information: Phone: (415)788-3666 x128. Email: gsc@earthisland.org

Global Volunteers (<http://www.globalvolunteers.org/projects/healthcare2.asp>)

Global Volunteers' in-country staff and host partners match your abilities with local work projects. Health care professionals are needed in **South America, Jamaica, Tanzania, and Romania** to provide patient care to impoverished children and their parents. Because access to medical services in developing communities is often limited, health-care volunteers are needed to provide basic services such as diabetes screenings, tooth extractions, well-baby checks and pre-natal exams in local clinics, village dispensaries, and in homes through outreach programs. While the needs and the working conditions are very basic, your 'hands-on' contribution can be life-changing.

Contact Information: Phone : (800) 487-1074. Email: email@globalvolunteers.org

Institute for International Cooperation and Development (<http://www.iicd-volunteer.org>)

Since 1987, IICD has trained over a 1,200 volunteers, who have taken part in development and community work with projects in **Africa, Central America and Brazil**. People with a desire to travel the world and do good at the same time are encouraged to apply. IICD's mission is to Influence the future by involving all people in shaping the world and to stretch the boundaries of human potential and build capacity for growth.

Contact Information: Phone: (413) 441 5126 Email: info@iicd-volunteer.org

Jubilee Ventures- Volunteer & Internship Opportunities (<http://www.jubileeventures.org/>)

Program offers excellent international internships and volunteer opportunities in **Kenya Tanzania and Zanzibar**. You will work with local staff in support of the health care efforts. Generally you will assist/support the doctor/dentists or clinician in the normal routine of medical work e.g. taking vital signs, dressing wounds, taking patients history, counseling patients, providing assurance and moral support to patients' family, disbursing minor drugs etc. Choose from internship and volunteer opportunities in HIV/AIDS Awareness and Care, Animal Health/Veterinary Care and man other Medical & Dental Service Abroad.

Contact Information: <http://www.jubileeventures.org/contact.html>

Operation Wallacea (<http://www.opwall.com/>)

OW is a series of biological and social science expedition projects that operate in remote locations across the world. Locations include **Egypt, Honduras, South Africa, Cuba, Peru, and Indonesia**. These expeditions are designed with specific wildlife conservation aims in mind - from identifying areas needing protection, through to implementing and assessing conservation management programs.

Contact Information: Phone: (973)940-2040. Email: NorthAmerica@Opwall.com

Projects Abroad. (<http://www.projects-abroad.org/projects/medicine-and-healthcare/>)

Projects Abroad has volunteer opportunities in over 15 countries, including **Bolivia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Argentina, Cambodia, China, India, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, and Peru**. Receive a Medicine & Healthcare Placement as a Doctor, Nurse, Dentist, Physical Therapist or Midwife. All placements will receive the same unrivalled support from the staff in your home and destination countries. Projects Abroad also works with you to find a placement that suits your level of experience.

Contact Information: Phone: (888)839-3535. Email: info@projects-abroad.org

Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps (<http://www.ramusa.org/index.html>)

Dedicated to providing free health care, dental care, eye care, veterinary services, and technical and educational assistance to people in remote areas of the US and the world (**Canada, South America, Africa**.) Volunteers participate in expeditions in some of the world's most exciting places.

Contact Information: Varies between programs. Please visit the website for details.

Spanish-Medical Immersion Programs. (www.spanish-medical.com/index.html)

Offers programs in **Mexico, Guatemala, Chile, Argentina**. Partners with Spanish language schools & offers a medical shadowing component. Learn in hospital, clinic or medical dispensary; observe & participate according to language abilities and level of training.

Contact Information: Phone: (970) 412-7245. Email: info@spanish-medical.com

Unite for Sight (www.uniteforsight.org)

There are opportunities for students, public health professionals, nurses, educators, ophthalmologists, and optometrists. Unite for Sight is an organization that offers screening, education and surgeries, empowers communities to improve eye care and eliminate blindness, and provides training and manuals to implement vision screenings and education programs in the US and four other continents (**25 countries**).

Contact Information: Email: UFS@uniteforsight.org

USC Somos Hermanos (<http://www.somoshermanos.org/>)

Students live in **Guatemala** for six months. Program aims to reduce the disparity in health care access and quality that results when health care providers are unable to effectively communicate with Latino patients due to language and cultural barriers by increasing the number of bilingual, culturally competent health care professionals. Students take Spanish classes, participate in volunteer projects (could be shadowing in a clinic, educating children and families about nutrition or HIV/AIDS or constructing schools or homes, for example), attend lectures, activities (salsa lessons, hikes), and trips, including 2 weeks in El Salvador.

Contact Information: Email: info@somoshermanos.org

Visions in Action (<http://www.visionsinaction.org>)

Vision in Action, Inc. is a minority-owned, professional services consulting firm with more than a decade of successful performance. Supported Volunteers work directly on Visions' relief and development programs in **Liberia, Mexico, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda**. Choose from over a dozen volunteer and internship opportunities. This includes education and food security programs in Liberia and an HIV/AIDS counseling and testing program, as well as an emergency education program for Internally Displaced Persons, in Uganda.

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Resources:

GHEC www.globalhealth-ec.org

The Global Health Education Consortium **is an association of faculty and health care educators** dedicated to global health education in North American health professions schools and residency programs. Offers an extremely comprehensive array of information for medical students interested in pursuing international careers in health education. Resources include a global health bibliography, material on preparation for overseas assignment and foreign language study, and research info on international global health forces. The Global Health Library presents information in the form of PowerPoints, links, pdf files, and documents.

IMVA <http://www.imva.org/>

The International Medical Volunteers Association (IMVA) is a nonprofit organization that promotes, facilitates, and supports voluntary medical activity through education and information exchange. IMVA works with a wide range of volunteers: physicians, dentists, nurses, therapists, hospital administrators, public health specialists, technologists, health educators, missionaries, physician's assistants, students and others interested in health care. IMVA only provides information about volunteer opportunities and offer practical advice on how to find and choose compatible assignments—they do not send or sponsor volunteers themselves. We facilitate volunteering by providing educational materials about health problems in various parts of the world and on how to function effectively while abroad. Most importantly, we attempt to motivate healthcare workers to aid those most in need. IMVA provides an extensive and great list of volunteering opportunities all over the world and a place to post a resume about yourself so that organizations can contact you.