East Tennessee State University
College of Public Health

Global Public Health
Internship Scholarships
And Field Handbook
MPH Student, Katie Skelton, in Peru

DrPH students Emma Apatu and Katie Richards in American Samoa

B.S. Student, Brittany Cannon, Roatan, Honduras

Munsieville South Africa

B.S. Student, Beth O’Connell in Rwanda
Please contact Mikki Johnson-Maczka to discuss field placement sites and opportunities.

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International Field Experience Preparation Checklist

- Check the ETSU College of Public Health website for information regarding international field experiences and related forms. http://www.etsu.edu/cph/current/careers/default.aspx

- Check the U.S. Department of State Current Travel Warnings for your intended destination (If your destination is on the list, it will not be approved.) http://www.state.gov/travel/

- Apply for a passport if you don’t already have one. If you have a passport, check the expiration date and make sure your name hasn’t changed (example- marriage) and that it will still be valid when you return.

- Determine if you have to have a visa to enter your country of destination. If so, apply for it through the embassy of your country of destination.

- Check the CDC’s list of recommended vaccinations for your destination and get them. If you have had vaccinations previously, make sure they are current. You must also have an international travel medical examination. http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/


- Get travel insurance that includes emergency medical evacuation. See the Honor’s College for suggested companies.

- Read up on the culture, history, and current health overview of your destination country. Be aware of cultural mores.

- Find an international packing list and start making sure you have all you need to pack. Be alert to anticipated environmental conditions (weather, altitude, etc.)

- Check the TSA and FAA regulations for international flights and make sure you have luggage etc. that complies. http://www.tsa.gov/  http://www.faa.gov/

- Determine financial feasibility in covering associated expenses.
What is the Frist Global Health Scholars at ETSU College of Public Health?

In 2004, Senator Bill Frist established the nonprofit organization Hope Through Healing Hands. The purpose of Hope Through Healing Hands is to promote and increase quality of life for citizens and communities “using health as a currency for peace.” Hope Through Healing Hands addresses these issues by sponsoring global health programs including the Frist Global Health Leaders program. The Frist Global Health Leaders program provides students with the opportunity to travel to underserved countries around the globe and to improve the health of people living in those countries.

The Niswonger Foundation

Established in 2001, the Niswonger Foundation is the brainchild of businessman and philanthropist Scott M. Niswonger, who remains the Foundation’s sole benefactor. He and his wife, Nikki, started with a dream of preparing East Tennessee for the 21st century and the changes it would bring.

The Niswonger Foundation is a contributing partner of the Frist Global Health Leaders program at ETSU College of Public Health.

Frist Global Health Leaders Scholarships

The Frist Global Health Leaders program may provide up to $2,500 per selected student. This amount cannot exceed 80% of the total expenses for the international field experience.

Students will be responsible for the remaining 20% of total expenses. Application for scholarship aid is included in this booklet. Please complete and submit the application to Mikki Johnson-Maczka [Room 305 - Lamb Hall].
In honor of his mother and father who inspired in him a passion and commitment to global health, Dean Randy Wykoff created the Wykoff Public Health Student Scholarship for international experiences.

This fund is to be used to support international experiences for students pursuing a graduate degree in the College of Public Health by providing up to two $500 scholarships per year. The funds are to be used to help off-set international travel and related costs for graduate students participating in organized and approved field placement programs as part of their formal academic training.

Preference is given to students from Tennessee who have had little or no international field work experience. Please see the Assistant Dean of Public Health Practice for more information.
Frist Global Health Leader
and
Wykoff Global
Scholarship Application

The Wykoff Public Health
Student Scholarship

Applicant information

Please download this document and submit a typed application.

Applicant’s name: ____________________________________________

Permanent address: __________________________________________

Home phone number: _______________________

Cell phone number: _______________________

Emergency contact name and phone number: _______________________

ETSU email address: ________@goldmail.etsu.edu

Other email address: __________________________________________

Are you a:  U.S. Citizen ______  Other Citizenship ___________________
Education

ETSU degree program  MPH ____  B.S.____  DrPH ____  Other ________________

Public Health Concentration:  __________________________

Academic Advisor (print name):  __________________________

Cumulative GPA: ______  (Please attach a copy of current ETSU transcript)

Other relevant education

Previous academic degrees including awarding institution:

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Other academic training, certifications etc. :

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Host organization and preceptor information

This information relates to the organization/agency that has agreed to oversee your international public health internship.

Organization name: __________________________

Organization mailing address:  __________________________

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Organization’s Fax number:  __________________________

Web address (if applicable):  __________________________
Language skills

While not a requirement for application, a working skill in a language other than English is often beneficial. Please indicate your foreign language abilities.

Indicate Your Ability

Spanish ______ Fluent  ______ Working
French ______ Fluent  ______ Working
Chinese ______ Fluent  ______ Working
Hindi ______ Fluent  ______ Working
Other ___________________________ ______ Fluent  ______ Working
Other ___________________________ ______ Fluent  ______ Working

Other relevant skills

Please list any other relevant skills that you may have:

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Your resume

Please submit a copy of your current resume with this application form.
Preceptor name and title: __________________________________________________________ 

Preceptor’s Academic and Professional Background: __________________________________ 

Preceptor telephone number: ____________________________________________________ 

Preceptor e-mail address: ________________________________________________________ 

Length of Stay (in weeks): ________________________________________________________

Attach brochure or other information describing the affiliate organization and this internship opportunity.

The following three items represent your essay which is the heart of your application (maximum of 1500 words total). Please attach your essay as separate pages.

1. Provide a brief description of your project/projected activities during the internship with the sponsoring organization and how these relate to your public health field of study.

2. Describe your previous experience in resource-poor/underdeveloped settings (domestic or international) if any.

3. Provide a statement describing why you are interested in a public health practical learning experience in an underserved international area. Describe what you expect to gain from this opportunity and explain what you can offer your host organization in return for this internship opportunity.
Frist Global Health Leaders and Wykoff Global Scholarship Application Expense/ Budget Form
(This must be prepared in full and is a mandatory part of your scholarship application)

Student Name: ____________________________  ETSU Student Number: E ________________
Internship Location: ________________________
Length of stay: ______________________________

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TOTAL $ ______________________________

I certify that the information contained in this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Student Signature: ____________________________________________
You are asked to submit two letters of recommendation with this application. Please ask each respondent to address the following in the body of their letter of recommendation:

- Briefly describe how you know and in what ways have you interacted with the student.
- Describe the candidate as a student leader.
- Your assessment of the candidate’s interest in a career in global health.
- Describe the student’s work ethic, thinking skills, problem-solving/innovative thinking skills and any other attributes you think will enhance the student’s success in working in a developing nation.

**Two letters of recommendation are to be provided as follows:**

1. Your ETSU College of Public Health academic advisor:
   - Name and Title: ____________________________________________________________
   - ____________________________________________________________
   - Telephone number: ________________________________________________
   - Email address: ________________________________________________________

2. Second letter of recommendation (professional reference of your choice):
   - Name and Title: ________________________________________________________
   - ____________________________________________________________
   - Telephone number: ________________________________________________
   - E-mail address: ______________________________________________________
By signature below, you agree that all statements in this application (and attachments) are truthful, accurate and complete.

You agree to permit the selection committee to review all relevant data including your academic transcripts, that is available through the ETSU system.

You agree to abide by all of the requirements of the Frist Global Health Scholars program including reporting on your experiences and activities both to ETSU and to the program sponsors, including the Hope Through Healing Hands Foundation and the Niswonger Foundation.

And you hereby grant permission for your reports, photos etc. to be reproduced on paper or electronically by ETSU and/or the program sponsors.

Sign here: ___________________________  Date Submitted: __________

**IMPORTANT:** The deadline for submission is no later than ninety (90) days prior to the start of the semester of your proposed internship.

Submit the completed application and supporting documentation directly to:

**Mikki Johnson-Maczka**  
**Field Placement Coordinator**  
**ETSU College of Public Health**  
**Lamb Hall, Room 305 (Community & Behavioral Health)**  
**Office Phone: (423)439-4776**  
**Email: johnsonmaczk@etsu.edu**