

GH ONLINE: Global / International Health Internet Sites

Introduction

A Google search on 15 August 2007 using the term "international health" (IH) generated ~1.19 billion hits in 0.24 seconds, up from ~710,000,000 in 2005; we certainly are in an area of increasing interest! The newer term, "global health," (GH) results in 'only' 461,000,000 hits. Statistical humor aside, and though we can't claim to have checked them all, these awesome numbers have been reduced to ~220 sites considered relevant to students and graduates of the health professions interested in global health (GH).

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*We started with a review of websites already posted by GHEC and various student and other organizations. Their listings were combined, reviewed, weeded, and where useful, annotated. Sites are grouped into the below categories for ease of use and many have links to yet additional IH-related organizations and activities. Websites especially useful for seeking IH jobs, field placements and pre-placement orientation are marked with two asterisks (**). At the end of this list is a brief outline of questions that may be useful to help you plan for an IH field experience or career. Happy surfing the net and any suggested additions, corrections, and deletions will be welcome. Please send them to Tom Hall (thall@epi.ucsf.edu).*

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COURSES

Many listings are in schools of public health (SPH) and some are in medical schools or are independent programs. Wherever possible a URL link is given for direct access to the school's GH program. Boston Univ. and Johns Hopkins SPHs have the largest GH masters and doctoral programs in GH, though many other schools offer strong GH programs. The Univ. of Arizona offers a three-week summer program designed to prepare year clinical years medical students and residents for an international assignment. The ASPH listing provides access to all SPHs.

American Medical Student Association (AMSA) Global Health Scholars Program
www.amsa.org/global/scholarsprogram_app.cfm is an 8-month program to "develop advanced advocacy, communication, and critical thinking skills with which to effect change in global health". Also see www.amsa.org/global/ghli.cfm for information on a two day global health leadership training institute.

**Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) has links with its member schools, has a student page, describes the field of public health, and describes opportunities for GH study, careers, funding, and lists schools with GH masters-level programs. - www.asph.org

Barefoot College, Since 1972 and with multiple locations in India, offers non-degree programs in community-based rural development focused on the needs of the poorest of the poor. - www.barefootcollege.org/enroll1.htm

**Postgraduate Training Programs in GH - This extraordinary website, developed by Swiss institutions, provides access to detailed descriptions of a wide variety of post-graduate programs. The database allows searches by topic, institution, country, type of program, and language. - www.healthtraining.org

Boston Univ. SPH. has a Department of GH and offers short-duration certificate courses in GH. - www.bumc.bu.edu/ih.

Brown Univ. Office of International Programs - Listing of international universities and study abroad programs. www.brown.edu/Administration/OIP/

Columbia Univ. SPH - www.mailman.hs.columbia.edu/ - See also: cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/bgcu-md/ for a description of a collaborative MD degree program in International Health and Medicine with the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Israel). This program also provides opportunities for summer externships for 4th year medical students at BG Univ.

Creighton Univ. - Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC), which offers faith based service learning opportunities for high school, and college students, as well as professional at: www.creighton.edu/ILAC/

Emory Univ. SPH - www.sph.emory.edu/

Fogarty International Center for the Advanced Study in the Health Sciences offers training, research and fellowship grants, grant writing guidelines and tools, and other international services. - www.fic.nih.gov/

George Mason University College of Health and Human Services, Masters degree with international health concentration - www.gmu.edu/depts/chhs/qch/grad-international.html

George Washington Univ. SPH - www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/

Gorgas Course in Clinical Tropical Medicine. Gorgas Memorial Institute and Univ. of Alabama – Birmingham. Held in Lima, Peru, 9 weeks from January to March. - <http://info.dom.uab.edu/gorgas/index.html>

Harvard SPH. Program on Ethical Issues in International Health Research. Ethical issues related to IH work and research, in Boston, MA; 5 days in June. - <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/bioethics>

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Harvard Univ. SPH - www.hsph.harvard.edu/about/ for the Dept. of Popul. And IH, see: www.hsph.harvard.edu/Academics/pih/index.html. For Takemi Program in International Health, for mid-professionals, see: www.hsph.harvard.edu/takemi/. For the Bell Fellowship for scholars, managers, and policymakers, in the field of population and development, see www.globalhealth.harvard.edu/hcpds/bell.html. For Program on Ethical Issues in International Health Research, 5 days in June, see: <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/bioethics>

Harvard Initiative for Global Health. Post bachelor fellowships for recent college graduates to train with Harvard faculty on a variety of global health related research projects. Fellowship is a 1 year commitment with stipend included. www.globalhealth.harvard.edu/trainingopps.html

International Health and Medical Education Centre (IHMEC) at London's Global Univ. and the Royal Free & Univ. College Medical School offers a one-year BSc degree for medical students in GH as well as special study modules. - www.ihmec.ucl.ac.uk/

International Medicine Course by Mayan Medical Aid. Ten modules starting each Monday; held in Santa Cruz La Laguna, Guatemala. -- http://mayanmedicalaid.org/global_health_ed.htm

Johns Hopkins Univ. SPH - ih.jhsph.edu/. JHU, in Baltimore, MD, has the oldest and likely largest department-level GH programs in the country. Programs include: Graduate Summer Institute of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, 4 weeks in June/July. (www.jhsph.edu/summerEpi); Summer Institute in Reproductive Health and Development. Two three-week courses, 4 weeks in June/July (www.jhsph.edu/GatesInstitute); Summer Institute in Tropical Medicine and Public Health, four two-week modules, 8 weeks from June to August; participants can take any or all of the two-week modules (www.jhsph.edu/tropic); and HELP (Health Emergencies in Large Populations), a course by the International Committees of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, July (www.jhsph.edu/Refugee/HELP/index.html)

Liverpool School of Tropical Hygiene & Medicine - www.liv.ac.uk/lstm/. See: Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, 13 weeks from September to February. -- www.liv.ac.uk/lstm/taught/DiplTropMedHygiene.htm

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. - www.lshtm.ac.uk. See: Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, 3 months from January to March. -- www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/short/stmh.html

Louisiana State Univ. Health Science Center & Univ. of Costa Rica Faculty of Medicine. International Course in Tropical Medicine. Sites include several different regions of in Costa Rica in July. -- www.medschool.lsuhscc.edu/microbiology/courses_tropical_summer.asp

Mahidol Univ. Bangkok School of Tropical Medicine. Graduate Diploma Programme in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Courses in English, in Bangkok, Thailand during 6 months from April to September. -- www.tm.mahidol.ac.th/en/academic/bstm/bstm_index.htm

MedEx is a multilateral student exchange program offered by IPPNW (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War) to its students. www.ippnw-students.org/MedEx/

Michigan State Univ. - www.msu.edu/unit/iih/ . Site of Institute of International Health at MSU; See also: globalmichigan.com/theme/health/ for MSU's Global Access site's searchable database of >5000 links to information about health conditions in other countries, medical center locations, country health care systems, and access to international organizations involved in health-related issues.

Ohio Univ. College of Osteopathic Medicine. Tropical Disease Biology and Research in Ecuador. Workshop in Ecuador in June and July. - www.oucom.ohiou.edu/dbms-grijalva

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School - www.umdnj.edu/sarpweb/international/

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Tulane Univ. SPH - www.sph.tulane.edu/ - See also www.som.tulane.edu/departments/StudentAffairs/INTHEALTH.HTM for GH electives open to Tulane and other fourth-year medical students in nine different countries. Also: Diploma Course in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers Health, 4 months, August to December. - www.sph.tulane.edu/tropmed/programs/diploma.htm

UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO. Surveillance of Transmissible Diseases, by the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases and the Swiss Tropical Institute. Basel, Switzerland, 2 weeks in October/November. - www.who.int/tdr/grants/grants/sti_course.htm

Uniformed Services Univ. of the Health Sciences. Principles and Practice of Tropical Medicine. For those interested in qualifying to sit for the Am. Soc. Of Tropical Med. and Hygiene certifying examination in Tropical Medicine and Travelers Health. Bethesda, MD, during 13 weeks, February to May. (www.usuhs.mil)

Univ. of Arizona. International Health in the Developing World. A case-based, problem-solving course for medical students and primary care residents. Tucson, AZ, during 3 weeks in July. Free for medical students and \$500 for residents and physicians. - www.globalhealth.arizona.edu/IHIndex.html

Univ. of California at Berkeley SPH - <http://sph.berkeley.edu/>

Univ. of California at Davis - <http://phs.ucdavis.edu/Intl/International.php> for general information on global health courses and internships; phs.ucdavis.edu/Intl/Intl_Courses.php for information on global health courses at UCD; and intlrel.ucdavis.edu/ for international relations program

Univ. of California at Los Angeles SPH - www.ph.ucla.edu/ for general public health school, www.ph.ucla.edu/chs/globalhealth/index.php for UCLA global health training program

Univ. of California at San Francisco - Office of International Programs at medschool.ucsf.edu/intlprograms/ . Contains information on studying abroad, leadership in global health, and listing of global health events.

Univ. of Florida - international programs, activities, and affiliations. www.med.ufl.edu/international/

Univ. of Florida's Humanistic Elective in alternative medicine, Activism and Reflective Transformation (HEART). Provides training in these areas to 25 4th year medical students. - <http://medcat.medinfo.ufl.edu/catview.php?id=192>

Univ. of Maryland, Wilderness & International Medicine Rotation For Resident Physicians & Upper Level Medical & Allied Health Students - http://medschool.umaryland.edu/osr/training_belize.asp

Univ. of Michigan SPH - www.sph.umich.edu/

Univ. of Minnesota Dept. of Medicine. Global Health Course: Diploma in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers Health. Minneapolis, MN, 8 weeks in July/August. - www.medres.umn.edu/medres/program/globalhealthcourse.html

Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center - Offers Spanish courses in Guatemala.. - www.unmc.edu/isp/

Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill SPH - www.sph.unc.edu

Univ. of Pennsylvania - Global health programs office at www.med.upenn.edu/globalhealth/globalhealth/

Univ. of Pittsburgh SPH - www.publichealth.pitt.edu/.

Univ. of South Florida College of Public Health – www.publichealth.usf.edu/globalhealth.html

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Univ. of Texas at San Antonio - Four-week summer elective/rotation ("STEER") held at Laredo, Texas and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico focuses on IH, environmental health, public health and border health issues. - steer.uthscsa.edu/

Univ. of Toronto - Centre for International Health at <http://intlhealth.med.utoronto.ca/> provides an overview of many key global health issues, as well as listing of UT's Toronto overseas programs. Office for International Surgery: www.utoronto.ca/ois/

Univ. of Washington - Global Health Resource Center - <http://depts.washington.edu/deptgh/ghrc/index.html> with lengthy listing of career resources, as well as information on UW programs in global health

West Virginia Univ. Clinical Tropical Medicine and Parasitology Course. Morgantown, WV, 8 weeks from June to August. - www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/tropmed

Yale University, SPH - publichealth.yale.edu

York Univ., Centre for Refugee Studies. Summer Course on Refugee Issues Toronto, Canada, 8 days in June. - www.yorku.ca/crs/summer.htm

INTERNATIONAL - MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Red Cross for ICRC activities and sections on topical issues such as civil wars, disasters, land mines, etc. - www.icrc.org/

United Nations & related international organizations at the index page, www.unsystem.org/, with links to all agencies within or related to UN system. Of special relevance to IH are:

Global Fund , vs. AIDS, TB and malaria - www.theglobalfund.org/en/

Pan American Health Organization - www.paho.org/

UNAIDS - www.unaids.org/en/default.asp

UN Development Fund for Women - www.unifem.org/

UN Food & Agriculture Organization - www.fao.org

UN Development Programme, site of Human Devt. Report - www.undp.org/

UNICEF - www.unicef.org/

UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - www.irinnews.org

UN Population Fund, including State of World Pop. Report - www.unfpa.org/

UN Relief Agency (UNHCR) - www.unhcr.ch/

UN Volunteers for Peace & Development - www.unv.org/

World Bank. See especially "Data and Research" section. - www.worldbank.org

World Health Organization. See especially "statistics" site (www.who.int/topics/statistics/en/) - www.who.int/en/

GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) supports health services research to improve quality of healthcare and promote evidence-based decision-making. Enter "international" in AHRQ's search engine to access studies with IH relevance. - <http://www.ahrq.gov/>

Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) directs and manages Canadian development assistance - <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/home>

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Global Health, has information on IH activities, projects, plans and services, programs, resources and country-specific information; information for travelers and consular information sheets; CDC global partners; Epidemic Intelligence Service training programs (<http://www.cdc.gov/eis/>) and links with other organizations. CDC offers international internships. - www.cdc.gov/ogh. - <http://www.cdc.gov/index.htm>

Dept. for International Devt. is UK agency for funding assistance. - <http://www.dfid.gov.uk> - See also UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office page for country and travel information, policy, and news: <http://www.fco.gov.uk/servlet/Front?pagename=OpenMarket/Xcelerate/ShowPage&c=Page&cid=1007029390554> - For more information on health-related aspects of DFID, see <http://www.dfidhealthrc.org>

Institute of Medicine (of National Academy of Sciences). Sections relevant to IH include: Opportunities and Fellowships; External Links; Board on Global Health (and the Board's Publication List). - <http://iom.edu> , Click on Global Health for more information on IH endeavors.

International Development Research Centre, Canada's agency for funding development research, including health-related projects. - <http://www.idrc.ca>

National Institutes of Health (NIH), within the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, supplies NIH health resources as well as information on clinical trials and research grants.-- <http://www.nih.gov/> For information on health-related issues visit the National Inst. of Allergy and Infectious Disease site at <http://www.niaid.nih.gov/> NIH oversees the Fogarty International Center for advanced study in health sciences. -- <http://www.fic.nih.gov/programs/international/>

US Dept. of Health & Human Services is principal federal agency concerned with health services and data in the USA. - <http://www.hhs.gov>

US Agency for International Devt. (USAID) has extensive population, health, nutrition, and trade (including microenterprise) information. - <http://www.usaid.gov/>; for global health see: http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_health/ and for global partnerships, see: www.usaid.gov/our_work/global_partnerships/

MEMBERSHIP & NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Many also provide field opportunities and/or offer extensive resources)

African Medical & Research Foundation (AMREF) concentrates on sub-Saharan Africa. - <http://www.amref.org/>

Aga Khan Foundation - AKF is the largest foundation in the Muslim World with extensive projects in health, education, rural development, and NGO-enhancement. - <http://www.akdn.org/agency/akf.html>

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) has expanded GH activities and listing of GH clinical opportunities: <http://www.aafp.org/international.xml> . AAFP web site is <http://www.aafp.org/international.xml>, enter "international" in search.box for more options. The "Virtual Family Medicine Interest Group," located at: <http://fmignet.aafp.org/index.xml> which has a search engine for GH clinical opportunities. Also: http://fmignet.aafp.org/PreBuilt/fmig_intresourceguide.pdf has a listing of online GH resources, including the full text of the 100+ pp. Krogh and Pust publication, International Health: A Manual for Advisers and Students.

American Medical Student Association (AMSA) is excellent resource for GH activities, advocacy, resources and field placements. - <http://www.amsa.org/global/ih/>

American Public Health Association represents >30,000 professionals working in public health, including >1500 in GH activities. Student memberships are available and annual fall meeting provides opportunities to learn about public health and GH. - <http://www.apha.org/>

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American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene lists overseas opportunities at approximately three-year intervals along with much other information. - <http://www.astmh.org/index.cfm>

Canadian Public Health Association has several global health initiatives - <http://www.cpha.ca/english/intprog/intprog.htm>

Canadian Network for International Surgery promotes delivery of surgical care and conducts workshops in surgical skills and programs in injury prevention in African countries - <http://www.cnis.ca/>

Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH) sponsors GH activities and links with Canadian and international websites--<http://www.csih.org/>-

Canadian Dept. of Foreign Affairs (<http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/menu-en.asp>) provides country profiles & information relevant to health, visas, safety, etc.

Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS). Among its many initiatives, it has an international health program that offers a Clinical Exchange Program, Research Exchange Program and coordinates projects related to public health - <http://www.cfms.org/services/ihp.cfm>

CARE - One of largest NGOs involved in international development and relief. - <http://www.care.org>

Commonwealth Fund. The International Program in Health Care Policy and Practice promotes cross-national research, collaborations and exchanges. Activities include fellowships, meetings of researchers and policymakers, and an annual GH policy survey. - <http://www.cmwf.org>

Doctors for Global Health (DGH) promotes health, education, art and other human rights throughout the world. Most volunteers work in their own communities and some spend from a week to a year working in El Salvador, Honduras, Chiapas (Mexico), Peru, Uganda and other countries. - <http://www.dghonline.org/>

Family Health International implements research and technical assistance programs, with special emphasis on reproductive health and AIDS. - <http://www.fhi.org/en/index.htm>

Ford Foundation is active in national and international health, and offers grants. - <http://www.fordfound.org/>.

Gates (Bill and Melinda) Foundation is largest U.S. foundation active in GH. - <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/default.htm>

Global Forum for Health Research is the organization that helps coordinate the research to help reduce the 10/90 gap - http://www.globalforumhealth.org/Site/000__Home.php

Global Health Council is largest U.S.-based membership organization concerned with GH and provides information on GH career opportunities, jobs, advocacy, their annual conference, and links to other GH-related programs. - <http://www.globalhealth.org>

Global Health Education Consortium (GHEC) provides information about GH courses, curricula, website links, foreign language study courses, and other materials for faculty and students. - <http://globalhealtheducation.org/>

International Federation of Medical Students' Associations -USA is U.S. branch of this NGO with branches in 88 countries, which is dedicated to introducing medical students to global health issues through a variety of programs, including research and clinical exchanges. - <http://www.ifmsa-usa.org/> for USA affiliate and <http://www.ifmsa.org/> for main homepage listing all IFMSA affiliates and their activities.

International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) is a global coalition to prevent nuclear war, and other major threats. US chapter is Physicians for Social Responsibility (see below). - <http://www.ippnw.org>

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International Healthy Cities Foundation - http://www.healthycities.org/index_english.html

John Snow, Inc ., a large non-profit consultancy and training organization with many projects worldwide, and is a resource for information, publications, jobs and training. - <http://www.jsi.com/JSIInternet/index.cfm>

MacArthur (The John D. and Catherine T.) Foundation addresses both national and international health, development, and population issues, provides links to organizations supported by the Foundation and to philanthropic resources. - <http://www.macfound.org/>

Management Sciences for Health, a large non-profit consultancy and training organization with many projects worldwide, is a resource for information, publications, jobs and training. - <http://www.msh.org/>

OneWorld works to improve international health and development. - <http://www.oneworld.net>

Oxfam, an international organization working to ease poverty and hunger in more than 70 countries. - <http://www.oxfam.org.uk/>

Partners in Health. An NGO working to increase access to health care and education for the poor through community partnerships, service, and research. Website informs on communities they work in, the health and economic issues they face, and provides an extensive section of recommended reading. <http://www.pih.org/home.html>

People's Health Movement, created at a Bangladesh assembly of 1500 people from 76 different countries, carries out campaigns and programs in health and other areas utilizing a people-centered approach. - <http://www.phmovement.org/about/index.html>

Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) uses the knowledge and skills of the medical and forensic sciences to investigate and prevent violations of international human rights and humanitarian law. - <http://www.phrusa.org/>

Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) is the US chapter of professionals working to prevent nuclear war, and stop global warming, with information and advocacy on the environment and health as well as security and health. - <http://www.psr.org>

Population Institute alerts policymakers and public about issues relating to population growth and the need for population stabilization. - <http://www.populationinstitute.org/>

Programs for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) seeks to develop right technologies for a given level of development. - <http://path.org/>

Rehydration Project. NGO focused on diarrhoeal diseases, with slide shows and other information on treatment and prevention, as well as many other resources for health professionals. - <http://rehydrate.org/>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Though RWJF does not fund international projects, it may be useful in funding or reporting on projects relevant to GH. - <http://www.rwjf.org/index.jsp>

Rockefeller Foundation. Long involved in GH and development. - <http://www.rockfound.org>

Save the Children. NGO working in 110 countries to improve the health of children worldwide. Website links to publications related to global child health. <http://www.savethechildren.org/>

World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA). Forum, with annual conferences, for exchanging knowledge and information between member organizations of Gps and family physicians concerned with health care worldwide. <http://www.globalfamilydoctor.com/aboutWonca/aboutWonca.ht>

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JOB AND FIELD PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Job and Field Placement Opportunities (**=especially useful)*

Africare works to improve the quality of life in rural Africa. Africare focuses on two principal areas: food security and agriculture as well as health and HIV/AIDS - <http://www.africare.org/>

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) (<http://www.aafp.org/>) recently expanded IH activities, now at: (<http://www.aafp.org/international.xml>). - See also the "Virtual Family Medicine Interest Group" (<http://fmignet.aafp.org/>) and enter "international" in search box for more options.

American Academy of Pediatricians, Directory of International Service Opportunities for Pediatricians. - <http://www.aap.org/cgi-bin/overseas/aapartcl.cfm>

**American Council for Voluntary International Action, a consortium of 150+ non-profit organizations working worldwide in the health, educational, development and related fields, is a source of jobs and volunteer resources. Site includes hotlinks to all its members. - <http://www.interaction.org/>

**American Medical Student Association is a prime resource for IH activities, advocacy, resources and field placements. - <http://www.amsa.org/global/ih/>

** American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene provides an extensive listing of overseas opportunities, information on upcoming events, certification, as well as funding and fellowships. - <http://www.astmh.org/index.cfm>

**Association of Reproductive Health Professionals (www.arhp.org/) provides information and education on reproductive and sexual health topics to healthcare professionals, policymakers, the media and the public. See especially the 148 pp. "Directory of International Reproductive Health Opportunities for Medical Students", available online at - <http://www.arhp.org/files/InternationalDirectory.pdf>

**Belize Rural Elective Program of the Medical College of Wisconsin provides a rural elective working with Maya Indians in the southern Belize rainforest and is designed for family practice residents and faculty, medical and nursing students in cooperation with the Ministry of Health. Hillside also offers non-medical volunteer opportunities - <http://www.hillsidebelize.net>

**Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS). Among its many initiatives, it has an international health program that offers a Clinical Exchange Program, Research Exchange Program and coordinates projects related to public health - <http://www.cfms.org/services/ihp.cfm>

Canada World Youth offers Canadians (citizens or landed immigrants) between the ages of 17 - 29 a chance to volunteer overseas - <http://www.cwy-jcm.org/en>

Canadian Council for International Co-operation lists internship and volunteer opportunities in its membership organizations. - <http://www.ccic.ca/e/006/volunteering.shtml>

**Canadian Federation of Medical Students coordinates both a research exchange and a clinical exchange program - http://www.cfms.org/services/ihp_research.cfm, http://www.cfms.org/services/ihp_clinical.cfm

**Child Family Health International (CFHI) annually provides service-learning programs in IH for >750 medical, pre-medical, nursing, pharmacy, and alternative health students in Bolivia, Ecuador, India, Mexico, Nicaragua and South Africa. Program includes language training in Spanish speaking locations, clinical rotations, and thorough cultural and orientation materials. <http://www.cfhi.org>

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**Christian Connections for International Health lists contacts, placement opportunities, information about how to find a placement, and diverse resources. See especially "Job Search" and "Students" sections. - <http://www.ccih.org/>

**Cross-Cultural Solutions sends over 3,000 volunteers annually to work in many fields. Short and long-term placements, including for students, are available in 12 countries throughout Latin America, Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. - <http://www.crossculturalsolutions.org/>

Doctors on Call for Service, Inc. (DOCS) links U.S. volunteer physicians with African national physicians to exchange medical techniques and experience, providing a lasting investment in human resources for health. - <http://www.docs.org/>

Doctors for Global Health seeks volunteers that can work alongside community members in Argentina, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Uganda. Their philosophy is to facilitate the interchange of culture, technical abilities and other aspects of the human experience, to the end of promoting human dignity and social justice. <http://www.dghonline.org/involved.html>

**Doctors without Borders USA is the French-originated organization (MSF) that sends fully qualified health professionals into some of the most challenging regions of the world. - <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>

Family Health International works to improve reproductive and family health around the world through biomedical and social science research, innovative health service delivery interventions, training, and information programs. They work in partnership with universities, ministries of health, non-governmental organizations and faith-based organizations, conducting ongoing projects in the U.S. and more than 60 developing countries. --<http://www.fhi.org/en/AboutFHI/Employment/index.htm>

Emergency Medicine Clinics of North America (U Mich) presents extensive information on field experiences, consisting of information to provide an understanding of the general issues in IH care and logistical issues. --<http://www.med.umich.edu/medschool/global/er4.pdf>

Evangelical Medical Aid Society lists contacts, placement opportunities, information and diverse resources for medical or dental providers. - <http://www.emascanada.org>

**Global Health Education Consortium (GHEC) provides information about courses, curricula, annotated websites, foreign language study courses, and other materials useful for faculty and students interested in IH. - <http://globalhealtheducation.org/> - Check out "resources." See also modules on a wide variety of GH topics, including how to prepare for an international health placement.

Global Service Corps provides short or long-term opportunities to volunteer in health, education and environment projects in Tanzania and Thailand. - <http://www.globalservicecorps.org>

Global Volunteers offers short-term placements for medical students and professionals of varying specialties. Focus is on providing basic services and screenings. Projects are located in Africa, the Far East, South America, and the Caribbean Islands among other places. --<http://www.globalvolunteers.org/>

Himalayan Health Exchange brings student and graduate healthcare professionals together to provide care to populations in remote areas of the Indo-Tibetan borderlands, India and Nepal. - <http://www.himalayanhealth.com/index.shtm>

**InterHealth South America provides an integrated introduction to Ecuadorian and South American primary, community, and public health services for students and residents. It includes structured individual and group clinical and public health field experiences, closely coordinated with formal immersion medical Spanish study. - <http://www.interhealthsouthamerica.net/>

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**International Alliance in Service and Education (IASE) offers learning programs in health and education to pre-meds, medical students, undergraduate and graduate students in health related majors as well as education, international policy, or environmental issues. Students work in clinics & community centers in Mexico and South Africa. - <http://www.iaseco.org>

International Committee of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) now has online full text of the >50-page publication, International Health: A Manual for Advisers and Students, by Krogh and Pust. - SFTM home page:

http://www.stfm.org/index_ex.html;%20Pdf%20file,%20www.stfm.org/pdfs/International%20Health.pdf

**International Federation of Medical Students' Associations combines 101 medical student associations representing students in 97 countries. IFMSA provides information about and facilitates student clinical and research exchanges, and through committees, is involved in medical and public health projects. -

<http://www.ifmsa.org/>

International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH) provides opportunities for service similar to the Peace Corps, with primary focus in sub-Saharan Africa. International Fellows Program provides nine-month overseas internships for recent American college graduates and graduate students. - <http://www.ifesh.org/>

**International Health Central American Institute offers clinical clerkships and medical Spanish training programs for residents, medical students, and other health professionals. Programs are primary care based and place a great emphasis on self-directed learning. - <http://www.ihcai.org/>

**International Healthcare Opportunities Clearinghouse provides listings and links to online resources, courses and books on IH, and information about getting funding. A search engine can locate organizations according to diverse criteria and links to their home pages. - <http://library.umassmed.edu/ihoc/index.cfm>

**International health work and electives source book. Oxford Univ. Press (USA) published the 2nd edition of an excellent 608 pp. book (The Medic's Guide to Work and Electives Around the World, by Mark Wilson, 2004) covering IH field experience opportunities in 100 countries. Introductory section addresses finding a post, getting prepared, and protecting your health and welfare. Book (ISBN: 0340810513) is available for <\$30. -

www.amazon.com/Medics-Electives-around-Arnold-Publication/dp/0340810513/ref=sr_1_1/104-2760078-1149509?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1178984124&sr=8-1

International Medical Corps is a relief organization established by volunteer US physicians and nurses. Home page is www.imc-la.com/ for specific information on available volunteer and job opportunities, visit <http://www.imc-la.com/section/join/>

**International Medical Volunteers Association provides an array of information on volunteering, including information on why to volunteer, who is needed and for how long -- <http://www.imva.org/Pages/volufirm.htm> as well as information on how to prepare for your trip, how to keep safe, what to expect, what to pack, and how to stay healthy. -- <http://www.imva.org/Pages/getsetgo.htm>

International Service Learning (ISL) provides medical and educational teams of volunteers to provide services for the underserved populations of Central and South America, Mexico, and Africa. - <http://www.islonline.org/>

Society of Teachers in Family Medicine, International Health Committee supplies a 64-page document outlining when students should consider going abroad, checklists, logistical considerations, and information on site identification. -- <http://www.stfm.org/pdfs/International%20Health.pdf>

**Jamkhed Comprehensive Rural Health Project in India offers rural field training opportunities for students. Lessons learned at Jamkhed have been extended to many other Indian communities. - <http://www.jamkhed.org/>

MAP International is a Christian relief and development organization that promotes health of people living in the poorest communities. - <http://www.map.org/>

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Mission Finder is a great resource for Christian medical and pre-medical volunteer opportunities. It also lists some non-Christian medical volunteer opportunities. --<http://www.missionfinder.org/medstudents.htm>

Project Concern is a leading international health organization that saves the lives of children and families around the world by preventing disease and providing access to clean water and nutritious food. It reaches over three million people a year with programs in the following countries: Bolivia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nicaragua, the US, and Zambia. --<http://www.projectconcern.org/>

**Public Health Jobs Worldwide provides a weekly electronic newspaper that lists current job openings with public health programs around the world. Opportunities include full-time permanent positions, specified term assignments, short-term emergency assignments, and internships - <http://jobspublichealth.com/>

Student Partnerships Worldwide mobilizes young people by recruiting and training them to serve as volunteer peer educators living full-time in rural communities for 7-9 months, and leading health, environmental, and educational programs. SPW currently works in 8 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia--
<http://www.spw.org/index.php>

**Student University Network for Social and International Health (SUNSIH) provides IH field placement opportunities and contact information from a Canadian perspective. - <http://www.sunsih.ca/>

**Thai International Electives is sponsored by Univ. of Utah School of Medicine and its Physician Assistants Program. Course sites include Bangkok, Chiang Mai, and Mae Sot - <http://www.tie-thailand.net>

**The Network: Towards Unity for Health is a global association of institutions for education of health professionals committed to improving and maintaining health in the communities they serve. Student electives are available around the world.- <http://www.the-networktufh.org/home/index.asp>

**Unite for Sight offers many volunteer opportunities and their International Opportunities Manual can be downloaded. - <http://uniteforsight.org/>

United Planet is a leading international, educational, humanitarian, and peace-building, non-profit organization with members and volunteers in over 150 countries. - <http://www.unitedplanet.org/>

Voluntary Service Overseas, a UK charity, sponsors ~1500 volunteers of all age levels and with a wide variety of skills who in 34+ countries. - <http://www.vso.org.uk/>

LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAMS

Spanish Programs

Adventure Education Center, (AEC) offers multiple sites for medical Spanish while also providing volunteer opportunities in local clinics and hospitals. - <http://www.adventurespanishschool.com/>

AMAUTA Spanish School, located in Cusco, Peru, offers a wide variety of language programs, including medical Spanish. - <http://www.amautaspanishschool.org/>

Centers for Interamerican Studies (CEDEI), for Spanish immersion programs; Cuenca, Ecuador - <http://www.cedei.org/>

Centro Panamericano de Idiomas (CPI) offers programs in three Costa Rican locations. - <http://www.cpi-edu.com/>

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Latin Immersion (Spanish Language Schools in Argentina and Chile) for training at different levels, sites and durations - <http://www.latinimmersion.com/>

Medical Spanish language training course for home study is available on a remarkable interactive DVD-ROM program, "¡A su salud!" For \$95.00 you get 2 DVDs, 1 CD-ROM, and Workbook. Contact: Trilateral at 800-405-1619 or: <http://yalepress.yale.edu/yupbooks/salud/>

Pura Vida Language Institute offers several locations in Costa Rica. - <http://www.puravidalanguageinstitute.com/index.htm>

The National Registration Centre for Study Abroad lists programs that combine Spanish instruction with volunteer experience in various locations in Latin America - http://studyabroad.nrcsa.com/top_choice/medical/index.html

University of Guadalajara. Both of its locations in Guadalajara and Puerto Vallarta offer Spanish language training at several different difficulty levels - <http://www.cepe.udg.mx/>

Vancouver Language Centre offers Spanish language courses in Guadalajara Mexico - <http://www.study-mexico.com/english/3/spanish.cfm>

French Programs

Universite Sainte-Anne offers full time French immersion programs with varying lengths (100 days, spring, summer and mini-immersion) - <http://www.usainteanne.ca/programmes/french.php>

Universite du Quebec A Chicoutimi - offers intensive French programs with in Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer semesters. Homestay with French-speaking families can be arranged - <http://elf.uqac.ca/>

Universite du Quebec A Trois-Riveres - offers intensive immersion programs for 1 - 6 weeks during the summer - <http://www.uqtr.ca/eif/english/>

YMCA of Greater Montreal, International Language School offers summer, year round, day and evening French programs. Homestay with French-speaking families can be arranged. - <http://www.ymcalangues.com/fr/index.asp>

INFORMATION RESOURCES

AED – Satelife, Center for Health Information and Technology provides 600+ websites relevant to developing countries and produces four electronic publications, HealthNet News, HealthNet News-AIDS, HealthNet News-Community Health, and HealthNet News-Nursing. These contain current evidence-based, peer-reviewed articles from 60 of the world's leading medical publishers, and operates 12 global, expert-moderated discussion groups. - <http://www.healthnet.org/essential-links/>

Alertnet Foundation alerts humanitarians to emergencies - <http://www.alertnet.org/>

AllAfrica - This excellent website provides a conduit of information on African issues and affairs - <http://www.allafrica.com>

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Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research has developed a Funding Road Map for Global Health Research with summary information about 50+ funding sources for global health projects, eligibility criteria, application procedures and contact information. - http://www.ccrsm.ca/default.cfm?content=funding_roadmap&lang=e&subnaf=roadmap

Centers for Disease Control Travel Information - Sections include: Reference Material (a wealth of information about diseases, locations, specific precautions); Disease Outbreaks; Additional Information; Geographic Health Recommendations. - <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/>

Center for Global Development provides excellent analysis of the arguments behind development and current papers by leading thinkers. - <http://www.cgdev.org/section/topics/health>

Center for Reproductive Law and Policy provides detailed information for US and worldwide - <http://www.crlp.org/>

CIA Publications and Factbooks. See especially: World Factbook and Handbook of International Economic Statistics; CIA Maps and Publications Released to the Public. - <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

Demographic and Health Surveys. Population, health, HIV and nutrition data available for a fee and covering 75+ countries - <http://www.measuredhs.com/>

Dev-Zone is an Aotearoa New Zealand non-governmental resource centre on a wide range of international development and global issues. - <http://www.dev-zone.org/>

eGranary Digital Library is a resource that you may wish to bring to the attention of universities and others in low income countries. It provides millions of digital educational resources to institutions lacking adequate Internet access. These can be instantly accessed by patrons over their local area networks at no cost. - <http://www.widernet.org/digitallibrary/>

Eldis provides free access to 22,000+ summarised documents from over 4,500 development organizations. It is based at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) in Brighton, United Kingdom. - <http://www.eldis.org/>

GenderStats , a World Bank compilation of gender-related statistics data - <http://genderstats.worldbank.org/home.asp>

Global Issues is a great source of world information on issues that affect everyone - <http://www.globalissues.org/>

Global Gazetteer provides location, altitude (useful for assessing malaria risk) and much more information on virtually all locations in the world. - <http://www.fallingrain.com/world/>

Global Health Watch, created by People's Health Movement, works to mobilize civil society around an Alternative (to the WHO) World Health Report. - <http://www.ghwatch.org/index.php>

Global Medicine Network facilitates linkages between individuals and organizations working in IH. - <http://www.globalmedicine.org/GMN/index.asp>

Global Network, Neglected Tropical Diseases provides a wealth of information about these conditions and links to other sources. - <http://gnntdc.sabin.org/>

Hardin Meta Directory of Internet Health Sources of the Univ. of Iowa has a comprehensive list of the best health-related sites, organized by disease or system category. - <http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/md/index.html>

Health Economics, a professional's guide to resources - <http://www.healtheconomics.com/>

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Healthy Documents, a source of documents and instruments that impact on peoples' health - <http://www.healthydocuments.info/>

Helping Overseas Directory provides information about health-related organizations, sources of supplies, books, websites, etc., for overseas missions. - <http://www.helpingoverseasdirectory.org/hod/index.php>

Hesperian Foundation publishes low cost, practical books (eg, "Where there is no doctor," / dentist / midwife, etc.) for use in all aspects of IH practice at the community level. - <http://www.hesperian.org>.

Hunger Web exchanges information about and links to organizations concerned with hunger. - <http://nutrition.tufts.edu/academic/hungerweb/>

International Development Research communicates UK-sourced international development research to policymakers and practitioners worldwide - <http://www.id21.org/>

International Health Economics Association fosters debate in the application of economics to health and health care systems. - <http://healthconomics.org/>

International Health and Traveler's Medicine (Medical College of Wisconsin/Milwaukee) - healthlink.mcw.edu/travel-links.html

Information Centre on Aboriginal Health provides information on Aboriginal Health (First Nations, Inuit and Metis) in Canada - <http://www.icaah.ca/content/en/>

IRIS (Illinois Researcher Information Service) provides a database for research funding opportunities as well as fellowships and scholarships. Access requires an academic institution subscription to IRIS. - <http://iris.library.uiuc.edu/~iris/search.html>

Selected journals and portals with high relevance to global health

American J. of Public Health - <http://www.ajph.org/>

British Medical Journal - <http://journals.bmj.com/>

Globalization and Health - <http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/>

Health Affairs, The Policy Journal of the Health Spheres - <http://www.healthaffairs.org/>

Social Medicine Portal is a doorway to information about and opportunities in social medicine globally, including international health volunteering and scholarly work - <http://www.socialmedicine.org>

The Lancet - <http://www.thelancet.com/>

Library of Congress Country Studies provides detailed information on many countries. The site can search across the data base for any combination of words, ranks hits in order of closeness to your search terms, and provides links to desired text. - <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html#toc>

Medact, the UK member of Int'l Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, also has projects on the environment, economics and health, and with refugees in Palestine, Israel and Iraq. It has developed a global curriculum textbook (147 pp. with extensive documentation and tables) that is online along with a supplement on globalization. - <http://www.medact.org>

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Medical Education Cooperation with Cuba (MEDICC) bridges the U.S. and Cuban medical communities and publishes MEDICC Review and the on-line news service Cuba Health Reports. It also distributes the 90-minute film ¡Salud! (www.saludthefilm.net), supports U.S. health professionals undertaking research in Cuba, and sponsors the U.S. Faculty-Community Health Leadership Program. <http://www.medicc.org>

National Geographic Map Maker generates maps of all sorts, political, geographic, demographic, etc. - <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/maps/>

Nation Master provides easy access to much statistical data and map creation - <http://www.nationmaster.com/index.php>

OneWorld seeks to use free-media and the press to curb poverty and human rights injustices. - <http://www.OneWorld.net>

Population Council provides information on population policy issues and research information - <http://www.popcouncil.org/>

Population Reference Bureau provides detailed world and country specific population information, including downloadable PowerPoint presentations - <http://www.prb.org/>

Relief Web (with information & links relevant to humanitarian crises) - <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc100?openForm>

Research funding opportunities are listed by Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Researcher Information Service, with links to resource institutions and a search engine for resources by persons based at participating institutions. - <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/iris/>

Teaching Aids at Low Cost (TALC) lists & distributes health-related teaching aids in low cost format for use in developing countries. Their CDROM project has extensive information for health workers in developing countries. - <http://www.talcuk.org/>

Telephone information provides worldwide telephone directories, access codes, numbers (including a searchable database of telephone numbers), consulates and voltage rates - http://www.embassyworld.com/directories/global_telephone.html

Travel Health Online has information about specific destination countries compiled from multiple sources. You must register to access the site - <http://www.tripprep.com/scripts/main/default.asp>

US Census Bureau. See especially International Programs Center - <http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/>

US State Department Travel Warnings and Consular Information Sheets provides country information relevant to health, safety, visa and entry requirements, medical facilities, consular contact information, drug penalties, etc. - <http://travel.state.gov/>

Weather provides national and international weather forecasts plus lots of more detailed weather-related information. - <http://www.weather.com>

World Health News (Harvard School of Public Health) provides a news digest with numerous links to detailed sources - <http://www.worldhealthnews.harvard.edu/>

Yahoo.com provides an annotated list of IH organizations obtained using the search term "international health relief and development" or at this link. http://dir.yahoo.com/Health/Medicine/Organizations/International_Relief_and_Development/?skw=international+health+relief+and+development

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ONLINE TEACHING-LEARNING RESOURCES

Gapminder. Interactive presentations on development and GH issues. - <http://www.gapminder.org/>

Global Health Education Consortium provides a wide variety of student-relevant resources, including teaching modules on diverse IH topics. <http://globalhealtheducation.org>

Globalization 101.org of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace issues briefs on numerous topics relating to globalization, including IH, as well as news analyses. - <http://www.globalization101.org/issue/index.html>

Harvard's Human Health and Environmental Change Course. Annual semester long course for future physicians, policymakers, and public health experts. PowerPoint's and lecture videos available at http://chge.med.harvard.edu/education/course_2007/index.html

Johns Hopkins School of Public Health OpenCourseWare (OCW) project with free access to the content of the school's most popular courses. - <http://ocw.jhsph.edu/>

National Tuberculosis Curriculum Consortium (NTCC) provides easy, free access to extraordinary curricular materials relevant to TB for educators and healthcare professionals worldwide. - <http://ntcc.ucsd.edu/>

People's Open Access Education Initiative. Provides open education resources on the Internet from various sources for use worldwide. - <http://www.peoples-uni.org/index.html>

Supercourse in Epidemiology, the Internet and Global Health (Univ. of Pittsburgh) offers more than 3200 online PowerPoint lectures authored by >2000 faculty, and grouped into categories. - <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/index.htm>

Tufts Open CourseWare for examples of what Tufts Univ. is starting to provide, available to anyone at no cost. - -- <http://ocw.tufts.edu/courses/1/CourseHome>

Univ. of California at San Diego Tuberculosis Clinic. Website contains 4 real cases of TB in a case presentation format that help students develop a basic understanding, including diagnoses and treatment, of TB. <http://meded.ucsd.edu/isp/1998/TB/main/>

University of Pittsburgh "Supercourse in Epidemiology, the Internet and Global Health". An online database with more than 2000 PowerPoint lectures covering many topics. - <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/index.htm>

University of North Carolina, "Nutrition in Medicine" series. Impressive highend web-based teaching module using Flash macromedia, audio, streaming video, interactive quizzes and drop down windows. Free demo by clicking the demo button on the right side column. --- <http://www.med.unc.edu/nutr/nim/>

USAID's Global Health Learning. Registration is free and from there you will be able to access internet based course in topics ranging from malaria, HIV, family planning, amongst many others. - <http://www.globalhealthlearning.org/login.cfm>

WorldMapper. World social, economic, health and other indicators are portrayed on global maps that reflect not the size of countries, but the relative size of their GDP, population, energy use, health indicators, etc. See: <http://www.personal.umich.edu/~mejn/cartograms/>

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PLANNING YOUR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH FIELD EXPERIENCE

Some key questions to consider for those considering an International Health field experience: A checklist* (See also more detailed information available in module #93 — Planning your global health elective, in the “modules” section of the Global Health Education Consortium website. – <http://globalhealtheducation.org> and for AMSA’s IH website: <http://www.amsa.org/global/ih>)

PURPOSE — Why do you want to go? To broaden your life experience, with no intention beyond 1-2 trips? To 'test' the merits of devoting at least part of your professional career to IH? To learn from another culture? To make a substantial contribution to the lives of others, and if so, what contribution? To learn a language? To seek ancestral roots?

TIMING AND DURATION — When do you want to go? Before or during the clinical years? After graduation or during postgraduate years? After completing postgraduate training? How long do you want to spend abroad: weeks, months or longer? (Young children fare better than teenagers in an international setting.)

TYPE AND LOCATION — What type of experience(s) do you want? Clinical or non-clinical? At what level, in what specialty, and in what type of institution? Research? At what level (community, health facility, organization) and regarding what types of problems? Will good mentors be available? Public health, health promotion? Community health activities? Observation only? What location preferences do you have: geographic, linguistic, nationality; urban, rural, or remote? If you are married or have a partner, what will they do, what are their views, do they share your IH interests?

OBTAINING SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT — What type of organization can best meet your interests? Non-governmental organization without religious affiliation? NGO with religious affiliation? Peace Corps? Other government? Quasi-governmental organization? Host country institution, eg, hospital, health center, Ministry of Health? How much support do you require, and what are the likely sources? Everything? Local expenses only, ie, you will cover round trip transportation? Must you earn money above expenses?

PREPARATION — What should you do to prepare yourself for your experience? Language training, cultural orientation, contemporary studies of the country or region? Special health-related courses at your university or elsewhere? Immunizations, prophylactic and/or therapeutic medicines, books and reference materials, reservations, passport and visa(s), travel funds and insurance, etc? Master of Public Health degree or similar, and if so, when, where, and what major? Small gifts for your hosts?

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