The Global Health Travel Award offers students in the College of Health Sciences & Professions (CHSP) and Heritage College of Medicine the opportunity to receive funding for their participation on OHIO Global Health experiences through the Global Health Initiative Student Travel Awards Program.

Eligibility:
- OHIO Undergraduate, Graduate, or Medical Student in CHSP or HCOM
- Participant on OHIO Global Health Faculty-led Program, and/or Heritage College 3rd or 4th year Global Health Elective Rotation (OCOM 8911) or Physician Assistant Global Health Rotation

Eligible programs include:

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Due Dates:
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and awards are made until allocated funds are used. Awards range from $500 to $1000. Early application is encouraged.

- Winter/Spring Eligible Programs and Independent International Rotations (OCOM 8911) are due October 1, and November 1 at 11:59 pm.
- Summer/Fall Eligible Programs and Independent International Rotations (OCOM 8911) are due February 1 and March 1 at 11:59 pm.

Essay Instructions:
Submit a 500-word essay in Qualtrics that discusses one or two important health issues in the country to which you are traveling. Focus the essay on the public health, cultural and socioeconomic aspects of the problem and potential solutions. Use in-text citations and reference lists as appropriate adhering to the style relevant to your profession (APA, AMA, or MLA).

Examples of possible topics include:
- Comparison of the health system in the country of travel to the US health system
- High infant mortality
- Diseases specific to the area: Malaria, Chagas, Dengue Fever, Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, Anemia, STIs, intestinal infections, vaccine preventable illness, or non-communicable diseases
- Access to care
- Nutrition transition or malnutrition
- Maternal & child health
- Environmental health

To apply, complete the application in Qualtrics from the link provided on the Global Health Travel Award Website.
Global Health Initiative Travel Award
Frequently Asked Questions

How are the global health essays evaluated?

Essays are evaluated by a panel of Global Health Task Force members (Heritage College & HSP Faculty & Staff) and scored considering grammar and punctuation, clarity of ideas, overall content, relevance to the topic and appropriate use and citation of references. We highly suggest that you have the writing center, a faculty member, or an advisor review your essay prior to submission.

Will you review an essay if I exceed the word count limit and write more than 500 words for my global health essay?

No! The essay will not be reviewed! The award process is competitive. Essays not following the word limit or content guidelines will not be considered (see essay instructions on page 1 for details). Essays must include appropriate citation of any external resources used.

Does my works cited (bibliography) count in the total word count for the essay?

No. We do not count the number of words or characters in the bibliography and/or works cited section of your submission. We only count the main body text of the essay.

When will I hear back about the award?

A decision letter will be emailed to all applicants approximately 2 weeks after the deadline. If requested, a letter of award can be added to the applicant's file at the Heritage College or CHSP, or sent to the Dean or other academic officer at their college.

Can I combine the Global Health travel award with any other travel scholarships, awards, or financial aid that I might have?

Yes! These awards can be combined with travel scholarships available through the Office of Global Opportunities and the Infectious and Tropical Disease Research Institute. The maximum amount a student may receive from all campus administered scholarships, including departmental, endowed and University-funded scholarships, cannot exceed the cost of attendance established annually by Ohio University.

When will my award post to my account?

Depending on travel dates and term start dates, awards will be posted directly to your student account, approximately a month before travel and at about the same time that program fees will be charged to your account. Awards may be posted earlier for medical and PA international rotations.

Can I use the award to pay for my program deposit?

No, awards will not post to your student account until you have accepted your nomination into the program and paid the program deposit (where applicable).