



# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO DALLA LANA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Office of Global Public Health, Education & Training (OGPHE&T)

## ANNOUNCEMENT 2017-2018 GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH MASTERS TRAVEL AWARDS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**Launch date: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**  
**Deadline for submission: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

### DESCRIPTION

The awards will provide financial support for travel outside of Canada linked to practicum placements addressing global health issues. The approach to global health at the DLSPH is interdisciplinary and integrative, bringing together ideas, theories, and methodologies from multiple disciplines and sectors. The school emphasizes equity-oriented research, policy and practice, that is, work focusing on the health and health system challenges of populations living and working in conditions of vulnerability in all countries and the relationship of these challenges to global, national and local political, social, economic, cultural, environmental and institutional factors.

### ELIGIBILITY

All Dalla Lana School of Public Health (DLSPH) Master of Public Health (MPH), Master of Science (MSc) and Master of Science in Community Health (MScCH) students whose practicum placement is focused on global health (*as defined above*) are invited to apply for 2017/2018 Global Public Health Masters Travel Awards.

Although students can apply multiple times while registered at the University of Toronto, each student can only receive this award **once**.

### FUNDS AVAILABLE

- Reimbursement up to **\$5,000** will be awarded to students to support a global health practicum placement

**Funds must be expended within 12 months of the Award date.**

### GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICUM SITES

Although students are free to identify and cultivate their own global health practicum sites, **students in the MPH Epidemiology and Health Promotion streams are encouraged to apply to global health practicum placements that have been advertised on their program's practicum Blackboard page OR contact the Global Health Office for advice ([ghoffice.dlsph@utoronto.ca](mailto:ghoffice.dlsph@utoronto.ca)).**

All students will have supervisors/mentors from the DLSPH to support them during their practicum placement outside the GTA. The OGPHE&T will assist in identifying University of Toronto faculty members who will be able to serve as supervisors/mentors to students interested in completing a placement at these sites (as required). Students wishing to complete a global public health practicum placement that has **not been advertised** on their Masters program Blackboard page **must email Vadim Levin at [ghoffice.dlsph@utoronto.ca](mailto:ghoffice.dlsph@utoronto.ca) by February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at the latest** to ensure that all necessary processes are in place.

It is recommended that students explore back-up practicum placements, in the GTA or elsewhere, in the event that a student's first choice placement is not possible.

### HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a Travel Award, please e-mail the documents listed below, in PDF format, to Vadim Levin at [ghoffice.dlsph@utoronto.ca](mailto:ghoffice.dlsph@utoronto.ca) by **Monday, March 5, 2018**

- A brief description of your global health practicum project, including a statement of interest (max. **5 pages**, double spaced, 1-inch margins, 12-point font).

- The description should include the following information:
  1. Your name, Master's program, expected graduation date and expected dates for your trip to the placement site
  2. The name, title and affiliations of your academic supervisor/mentor at the University of Toronto
  3. Your destination and the name and contact information of your supervisor/mentor at the host institution
  4. The title and a brief summary of your practicum placement, including the relevance and applicability of the proposed work to global public health (see definition in description of this Call).
- The statement of interest should include:
  1. Reflections on what you hope to learn from this placement, and what challenges you anticipate
  2. Reflections on the CCGHR Principles outlined in Appendix I in their statement
  3. The anticipated "value-add" of your placement/project to global health research, policy and/or practice
- A current curriculum vitae
- A letter of support from your academic supervisor/mentor at the University of Toronto (who will be supervising you during your practicum placement). Please see Appendix II for more information on the role of an academic supervisor/mentor.
- A letter of support from your supervisor/mentor at the host institution outlining the role and responsibilities you will have in the practicum placement
- A detailed budget (please see **Appendix III: eligible expenses and potential budget items**. Please think carefully about which items you will need to budget for in order to participate in your placement).

## REPORTING PROCESS

To be reimbursed, awardees must submit:

- Receipts for all travel expenses (including boarding passes)
- A final report, following a format that will be communicated to all Award winners
- A presentation on their experience to members of the DLSPH community.

## EXCITING NEWS!

Students are also invited to submit a journalistic-style report to [Juxtaposition](#), University of Toronto's Global Health Magazine, in lieu of an official report. The best quality reports will be published in *Juxtaposition*!

## AWARD REVIEW COMMITTEE

DLSPH Faculty will be recruited as reviewers for travel award applications in line with practicum topic(s).

## NOTICE OF DECISION

The results of this competition will be announced by early April 2018.

## PRE-DEPARTURE

Students completing practicum placements **must** complete a University of Toronto [Safety Abroad workshop](#) before departing on a global health placement.

**PLEASE NOTE: Students are required to participate in another pre-departure workshop organized by the Office of Global Public Health, Education & Training, details of which will be communicated at a later date.**

## CONTACT

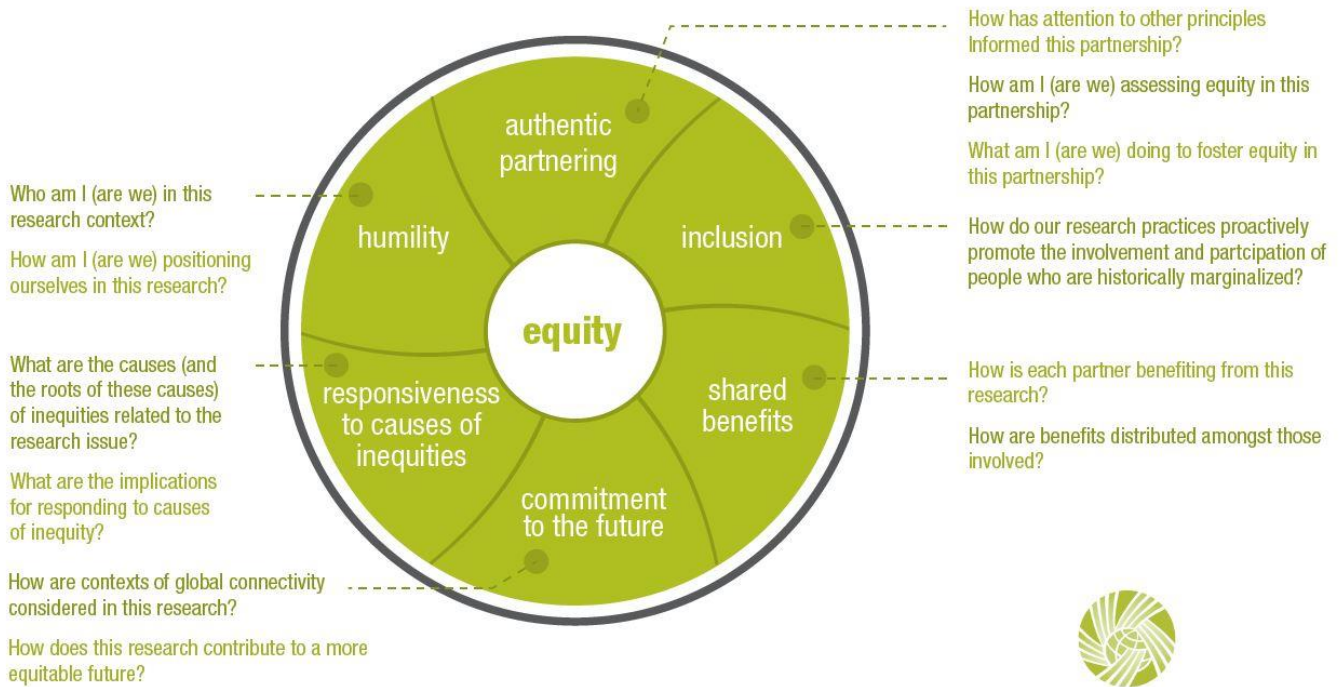
For further information, clarification or guidance, please contact Vadim Levin at **416-946-7909** or [ghoffice.dlsph@utoronto.ca](mailto:ghoffice.dlsph@utoronto.ca)

## Appendix I

# CCGHR Principles for Global Health Research | Nov. 2015

Health inequities are often avoidable consequences of actions and contexts that disproportionately advantage some groups over others. These negatively affect human rights, including the right to health. Global health research aims to promote greater equity worldwide. The principles of Authentic Partnering, Inclusion, Shared Benefits, Commitment to the Future, Responsiveness to Causes of Inequities, and Humility encourage researchers and others involved to adopt more ethical and equitable forms of global health research. These principles were developed through a multi-phase, dialogue-based research process in response to a call for action from researchers, funders, and administrators who indicated a need for greater governance to support global health research.

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**CCGHR CCRSM**  
Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research / Coalition canadienne pour la recherche en santé mondiale

[www.ccghr.ca](http://www.ccghr.ca)

## *Appendix II*

### **Role of a University of Toronto Faculty Supervisor/Mentor**

Students must have a University of Toronto faculty supervisor/mentor for global public health practicum placements. This advisor should be a University of Toronto faculty member whose research or other scholarship aligns with the work you will be doing on your global public health practicum placement.

Faculty supervisors/mentors must provide a letter of reference in support of your practicum project, as outlined in the Global Public Health Masters Travel Award Call for Applications. They can also provide insight into the work you do during your global public health practicum placement and can be a resource for any questions you may have about this practicum work.

For a list of University of Toronto faculty who are associated with the Office of Global Public Health, Education & Training, please see <http://www.dlsph.utoronto.ca/faculty/database/?department=4187>. If the faculty mentor you have in mind is not listed, please contact the Global Health Office for advice.

## *Appendix III*

### **Potential GHSRTA Budget Items**

#### **Eligible expenses for reimbursement:**

- Accommodation and/or utilities
- Airfare
- Baggage fees
- Cellphone load; SIM unlocking
- Courier service for any necessary documents
- Ethics applications
- Food, including groceries and meals
- Gas
- Health insurance
- International student fees (for practica taking place at other universities)
- Internet service
- Local transportation, including taxi, bus, ferry, rail
- Local Visa permit
- Medication/vaccination
- Office supplies
- Printing costs
- Translation services

#### **Expenses not eligible for reimbursement:**

- Alcohol
- Cellphone
- Computer and supplies like cable, adaptor
- Computer software
- Entertainment/Tours
- Toiletries