

UW SCHOOL OF NURSING
R. HUNTER SIMPSON GLOBAL SERVICE LEARNING FELLOWSHIP

The R. Hunter Simpson Global Service Learning Fellowship gives nursing students the opportunity to pursue meaningful **service learning and immersion experiences** in health care and society in cultures different from their own. While international experiences are a top priority, cross-cultural immersion experiences that address global health disparities for individuals, families, and communities in this country are also eligible.

The student applicant identifies and proposes an independent service learning and immersion experience and identifies a faculty sponsor in the School of Nursing for two credits of independent study. The Simpson Global Service Learning Fellowship provides \$5,000 to be used to pay travel expenses, supplies, and other costs directly associated with the proposed global service learning experience. The applicant must be a matriculated student at the University of Washington School of Nursing when applying and while subsequently undertaking the proposed experience during that calendar year.

The application has two parts: a proposal and a faculty recommendation form. Both parts must be received in hardcopy by the Director of International Programs, UW School of Nursing, Box 357260, Health Sciences T310, by 5:00 pm on **April 1** (if it falls on a weekend, the deadline is that Monday). The proposal should conform to the following structure in two to three pages:

- I. Identification: Provide basic contact information including full name, phone, and UW email address; identify your specific degree program; and indicate the name and email of the faculty sponsor who will submit a recommendation (the applicant is responsible for making arrangements with the faculty member).
- II. Summary: Provide a short summary description of your proposed activity, written in the third person and no longer than four sentences. This is the “quick pitch” that captures the idea and who you are.
- III. Proposal: Written in narrative first person form, this section should address all the following points. Describe fully the where, when and how long, what, and why of your proposed Simpson Global Service Learning Fellowship experience. Clearly state your learning and service objectives. Provide context for your motivation and describe your readiness for this learning experience. Address how your proposed activities may be of service. Suggest the potential for the experience to enhance significantly your understanding of health care and global health disparities. Mention previous cross-cultural experiences and how they might provide a basis for the proposed activities. Indicate how you would share the experience upon return.
- IV. Budget: Provide a draft budget for the proposed activities in list form with dollar estimates. Categories might include: immunizations, insurance, visa fees, international transportation, domestic site transportation, room and board, tuition, materials, and other categories appropriate to your proposed service activities.

The scope of the proposal should be appropriate to the length of time of the experience, which must include a minimum of two weeks on site. This fellowship supports service learning experiences that extend significantly beyond degree requirements, and thus, the ongoing and usual academic or clinical assignments required for degree completion are not eligible. Other ineligible activities include the spreading of religious or political beliefs, attendance at international conferences, and group travel where the participants’ main contact is with each other. If participation is cancelled, funds must be returned to the University.

Review will be based on the merits of the proposal and its fit with the intent of this program. Funding decisions will be announced within a month of the deadline in order to allow sufficient time for extensive pre-departure preparations. Release of funds is contingent upon subsequent progress in making pre-departure arrangements, as documented and submitted to the Director of International Programs (examples of evidence: letters of support and invitation from site hosts, preparatory reading lists and independent study course objectives, and the arrangement of an on-site preceptor in some instances). Upon return, fellowship recipients submit a written report with photos and provide presentations about the experience.

The School of Nursing is grateful to the Simpson family for catalyzing innovative student service learning.

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FACULTY SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION

Applicant Name: _____

TO THE STUDENT APPLICANT:

1. Read through this entire form. Write your name above AND at the top of the next page.
2. Sign below if you wish the recommendation to be held in confidence from you by the UW School of Nursing. Do not sign below if you wish to have access to your recommendation if you are awarded a Simpson Fellowship and begin the program (it remains confidential until such time).
3. Give this form to the faculty member writing your recommendation. This faculty sponsor should complete this form and return it in a sealed envelope to Director of International Programs, UW School of Nursing Academic Services, Box 357260, or drop it by T-310 by 5:00 pm, April 1 (if this falls on a weekend, the following Monday).

Letters of recommendation on behalf of applicants for acceptance to the Simpson Global Service Learning Fellowship experience will be placed in open files for review by the accepted student after commencing the experience unless the student waives the right to review the recommendation. An applicant signature below indicates that this recommendation will not be available to the student for review at any time and will be treated as confidential. Applicants who are denied or who do not begin the experience do not have access to this form at any time.

It is my understanding that waiving my right to review this recommendation is not required as a condition of acceptance, receipt of financial aid, or other University service, and is entirely voluntary. Accordingly, I hereby waive any and all rights to inspect and review this recommendation.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

TO THE FACULTY SPONSOR:

Thank you for agreeing to sponsor a student as a Simpson Global Service Learning Fellow.

Your **role and responsibilities as faculty sponsor** are as follows:

- A. The faculty sponsor **recommends** the student and supports their application. If a faculty sponsor is also a member of the Review Committee, s/he will not participate in deliberations regarding his/her sponsored student. Letters of recommendation may be viewed by students unless they have signed above to waive their right to do so.
- B. The faculty sponsor creates a **pre-trip agreement** with the student outlining expectations for the experience and earning of credit. The faculty sponsor may wish to consider C/NC options.
- C. The faculty sponsor facilitates the student's registration in NMETH499 (undergraduates) or NURS 599 or NMETH 600 (graduate students).
- D. The faculty sponsor outlines **learning objectives** for the student's experience as well as methods for **evaluating** outcomes.
- E. The faculty sponsor meets with the student for a **post-trip debriefing**. The post-trip summary document must be submitted to the faculty member, with a copy to the Director of International Programs in Academic Services, *before the end of the quarter* in order to receive credit for the course. If the post-trip summary has not been submitted by the deadline, the student will receive a grade of "Incomplete" on his/her transcript and will be billed for the amount of the award.
- F. The faculty sponsor **submits a grade** to the registrar's office following the post-trip meeting and review of the post-trip summary.

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FACULTY SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION Page 2

Applicant Name: _____

FACULTY SPONSOR NAME AND DEPARTMENT: _____

FACULTY SPONSOR SIGNATURE AND DATE: _____

Please provide the following information about the applicant and send it in a sealed envelope to Director of International Programs, UW School of Nursing Academic Services, Box 357260, or drop it by T-310 by 5:00 pm, April 1 (if this falls on a weekend, the deadline is that Monday).

Characteristics of Applicant:	Low					High				
1. Clarity of goals for this experience	1	2	3	4	5					
2. Cognitive readiness to benefit from the experience	1	2	3	4	5					
3. Social/emotional readiness to benefit from this experience	1	2	3	4	5					
4. Adaptability in stressful situations	1	2	3	4	5					
5. Quality of interpersonal relations	1	2	3	4	5					
6. Openness to new ideas and perspectives	1	2	3	4	5					
7. Probability that persons at the host site will benefit from student's experience.	1	2	3	4	5					
8. Capability as "informal ambassador" for School, UW and USA	1	2	3	4	5					

COMMENTS: Please provide any additional comments that may help us with selection of Simpson Global Service Learning Fellowship recipients.