

## GLOBAL CHEST INITIATIVES (GCI) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Global Chest Initiative (GCI) ([www.globalchestinitiatives.org](http://www.globalchestinitiatives.org)) is a registered charitable 501 c-3 charitable organization. There are two divisions in GCI, namely.

**(1) International Asthma Services (IAS)** - The main objectives of IAS are:

- a. Improve the care of the patients with common respiratory ailments like allergies, asthma, and COPD in developing countries
- b. Establish or develop infrastructure by providing training to health care professionals, as well as facilitating the transfer of technology
- c. Raise public awareness of these ailments.

**(2) Global Cardiology Services (GCS).** The objective of GCS is to improve the quality of life for patients with cardiac ailments in developing nations.

We are honored to be able to offer you the opportunity of this program scholarship.

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**Application deadline: March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (end of the day)**

The scholarship award amount will be based on the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. The funds will be released after project completion and presentation.

**Criteria for eligibility for this scholarship:**

- You are a full-time, currently enrolled graduate student in good standing in one of the University of Colorado health-related programs.
- Preference is given to projects centered on respiratory medicine, preferably related to Allergy, Asthma, and COPD. Location will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Preference is given to students in their final year of study, but applications will be considered from a student in any year.
- If you received the GCI Scholarship during a previous academic year, you are **NOT** eligible to apply for the GCI Scholarship again.
- If an applicant received another scholarship administered by the Center for Global Health and is awarded the GCI Scholarship, they must choose between the two scholarships. Only one Center for Global Health administered scholarship can be awarded to an applicant per cycle.
- The number of awards given, and the amount of each scholarship award will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. However, in general, the award process will prioritize the number of students over the amount of the award. *For example*, if \$3,000 is available for distribution in a year, it is preferable that three awards of \$1,000 each be given over one award of \$3,000. It is acceptable to give single awards to teams of students collaborating on a project, in addition to individuals. **The funds will be released AFTER project completion and oral presentation at a University of Colorado forum.**
- You must select or have a faculty supervisor/mentor at the University of Colorado and another supervisor/mentor at your designed site (at your on-site location). Both supervisors/mentors must both agree on the proposed project of your choosing
  - For foreign students- you are required to have a faculty supervisor/mentor at your home institution and another one at the University of Colorado to fulfill this requirement.
- The Scholarship does not require that the student receive academic credit for the experience.
- The project selected by the student should be realistic and should be completed within a reasonable timeframe. Typically, the selected project should be completed within six (6) weeks abroad. This work may include all or some of the following:

scientific/controlled study, clinical work, language study, and cultural adaptation.

- Proposals to fund international electives that include ONLY clinical experience will not be considered. The elective should ideally include a combination of clinical experience compatible with the academic level of the student, language learning as appropriate, and socio-cultural immersion.

#### **The Application Requirements:**

1. **Completion of the application**- The application can be found by clicking this link, <https://forms.gle/kunaXT9No5PwJozDA>. Please complete the application to the best of your knowledge. Sections 2 through 9 must be provided as separate documents and uploaded as attachments in the application form. If you are unable to upload your documents, please send your documents to Alexa Collesides at [alexa.collesides@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:alexa.collesides@cuanschutz.edu)
2. **Budget (only when traveling)**- should include the following:
  - Itemize amount for airfare
  - Estimated food/lodging
  - List other expenses (i.e. Travel Visa, Transportation, etc.)

**Note:** We will NOT consider “miscellaneous” as a category. Remember to include the cost of supplemental health insurance. For the University of Colorado and on-site faculty contacts, please include complete information – name, title, university/department affiliation, telephone number, address, email address. You must include your anticipated dates of travel, as well as the number of weeks you plan to spend on the study.
3. **Personal statement**- should be 1-page explaining how this project fits into your overall educational plan.
4. **Abstract**- should be a maximum of one hundred (100) words briefly summarizing the work you plan to do while at your designated location.
5. **Description of your work**- clearly describe any pertinent background material; your intent, goals, and intended outcomes, and a brief description of why you selected the work and the destination (i.e., what difference will it make that you do this?).
  - The description should NOT exceed five double-spaced typed pages.
6. **COMIRB/ IRB**- Please provide a description of the review process planned for research on human subjects (if applicable). Any research project involving human subjects sponsored through the University of Colorado needs to be reviewed by COMIRB.
  - **Note:** that some projects may also require approval from a local, in-country ethics review committee. Comment on COMIRB approval or describe your timeline for COMIRB approval prior to your departure from the US. This is something that should be discussed with your University of Colorado faculty sponsor.
  - **Added Note:** human subjects review may add to the preparation time before departure. Please work with your faculty mentor to assist with the COMIRB process.
7. **Surveys**- Copy of any surveys to be used in the study, if applicable.
8. **Three (3) letters of recommendation**- One recommendation letter should be from your University of Colorado faculty sponsor/mentor, one from your on-site sponsor/mentor in the country of study; the last can be from anyone but should be from another person involved in your project if applicable.
9. **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**- We require a copy of our CV.

#### **After submission of your application:**

- The review and selection committee will consist of one representative from GCI, one from the host country, and one from the Center for Global Health. You will be notified of the decision of the review and selection committee by **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** via email directly from Alexa Collesides, Global Health Senior Program Coordinator.

**If you are awarded, the next steps are:**

- Students who plan to travel abroad must contact the Office of Global Education to request access to an online application. This application varies depending on the student's school/college. Please email [study.abroad@ucdenver.edu](mailto:study.abroad@ucdenver.edu) and indicate the following:
  - Your Full Name.
  - School/College.
  - Country and intended dates of travel.
  - Purpose of travel.
    - Each School/College may require additional steps for international travel that is above and beyond the Global Education application. Please check with your CU Sponsored Faculty member or Department Administrator.
- If you are awarded this scholarship, you agree to present your findings at a University of Colorado forum, within six (6) weeks **OR** within the year of your return **OR** at the time you completed your project (the presentation method will vary depending on the situation). You will need to contact Alexa Collesides to schedule your oral presentation as soon as possible.
- With the assistance of your supervising faculty/mentors, you are required to submit a well-composed PowerPoint presentation slide deck and an oral presentation up to 12-15 minutes. The PowerPoint presentation should include the following, but are not limited to:
  - 1) Title of your project
  - 2) Faculty/ Mentors name and team
  - 3) Location of on-site project
  - 4) Result of your project and the unexpected barriers you experienced
  - 5) Research methods

You will need to submit a copy of your PowerPoint presentation slide deck to Alexa Collesides, [alexa.collesides@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:alexa.collesides@cuanschutz.edu)

- Scholarship monies will be distributed **AFTER project completion and presentation.** You are **REQUIRED** to provide an oral presentation and submit a copy of your PowerPoint presentation slide decks to the Center for Global Health. The Center for Global Health will keep your presentation in your scholarship file as part of your scholarship requirement.
  - Per University scholarship policy, the monies will be disbursed into your bursar account at the University of Colorado. The monies will automatically go towards any outstanding balance in your student account through Financial Aid Office. If an outstanding balance does not exist, the Financial Aid Office will request the monies be sent to you via check or direct deposit (whichever method you have established with their office).
- A copy of any paper published through this effort is required to be submitted to the Center for Global Health Scholarship records.

**Thank you for your interest in international health science. Should you have questions regarding this scholarship, please contact Alexa Collesides, Center for Global Health, email [alexa.collesides@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:alexa.collesides@cuanschutz.edu)**