

Center for Global Health

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The William Robinson/Peter Durst Scholarship

Application deadline: **February 16, 2026, 11:59 pm MST**

Purpose

Professor Emeritus William Robinson, MD, Ph.D., and Denver sculptor/ceramicist Peter Durst have collaborated to provide personal and donor funds so that students from the University of Colorado Denver and international students have an opportunity to engage in a culturally diverse clinical and/or research experience during their graduate training. Philosophically, this scholarship is grounded in a deep commitment to the long-lasting, positive value of international health care as it relates to broadening personal and academic perspectives. Scholars of this program will have an opportunity to meet and thank Dr. Robinson and Mr. Durst. We are honored to be able to offer you the opportunity of this scholarship program.

Funding

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. Funds are released after project completion and presentation. Per University scholarship policy, the monies will be disbursed into your bursar account at the University. 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.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be full-time graduate students in good standing at the University of Colorado (CU) or the Colorado School of Public Health (CoSPH). Applicants must identify a CU or CoSPH faculty mentor and a site-based mentor who agree on project objectives.
- Preference is given to projects in resource-limited settings, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and to students in their final year of study.
- Prior recipients of the Robinson Durst Scholarship are not eligible to reapply. Students may receive only one CGH-administered scholarship per application cycle.
- Team applications are permitted, and awards are shared equally. Projects should be feasible and typically completed within four weeks if conducted abroad. Proposals consisting solely of clinical electives will not be considered.
- This scholarship is intended to support international engagement. While travel abroad is strongly encouraged, visa or other constraints may limit travel for some students. In such cases, applicants may propose alternative activities aligned with the scholarship's goals, such as remote

collaboration with international partners, virtual research components, or culturally immersive projects conducted in partnership with global institutions.

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the application form via the Google Form and all supporting materials to Jacob Kohlhoff (jacob.kohlhoff@cuanschutz.edu) by the application deadline.

1. Completed application form: <https://forms.gle/oHExnyidkeZMbYSX6>
2. Project budget, including airfare, lodging, meals, visas, insurance, and local transportation. Note “miscellaneous” expenses will not be accepted.
3. Personal statement (250 words) explaining how this activity fits into your overall educational plan/personal development and how it contributes to the health and well-being of the community you will engage with. Emphasize mutual learning, cultural respect, and sustainable impact aligned with global health equity principles.
4. Abstract (100 words) summarizing the work you plan to do while at your designated location.
5. Project description (500 words) providing the background, objectives, and intended outcomes. Explain why you selected this activity and destination, and how your work will foster capacity building, cultural exchange, and long-term benefits for the local community. Highlight ethical considerations and respect for local expertise.
6. If applicable, IRB/COMIRB statement if human subjects research is planned. Note most projects will require both local ethics approval as well as COMIRB approval. As this process is lengthy, please 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.
7. If applicable, study materials (e.g., questionnaire, interview guide, consent forms, information sheets).
8. Two letters of recommendation, from:
 - a. Colorado faculty mentor
 - b. International on-site sponsor
9. Curriculum vitae

Award Requirements

Recipients must present a 12–15 minute oral presentation at a CGH forum within six-months of project completion and submit a 150-word written summary for the CGH website. Please include any photos of your experience, ensuring that any photos featuring people include written consent for sharing. You will send this to Jacob Kohlhoff, jacob.kohlhoff@cuanschutz.edu. All funded activities must be completed by the end of the summer term immediately following selection for the award and prior to the start of the subsequent fall semester (e.g., recipients selected in Spring 2026 must complete their project before the Fall 2027 semester begins). Any resulting academic publications must be shared with the CGH. Funds are disbursed after project completion and presentation through the University bursar system.

For questions, please contact Jacob Kohlhoff at jacob.kohlhoff@cuanschutz.edu.