

Request for Applications: Global Health Clinical Elective in Tanzania Block 8 (February 3 – 28, 2020)

Scholarship and Placement Limited to Two (2) Fourth-Year Medical Students

Application Deadline:

August 1, 2019 at 5 pm EST

Earliest Anticipated Award Date:

August 30, 2019

The MUSC Center for Global Health, MUSC Heart and Vascular and MUSC College of Medicine have partnered to provide a four-week global health elective in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania during Block 8. Two (2) fourth year medical students will be selected and partially funded to travel to Tanzania where they will be exposed to a wide spectrum of heart diseases in addition to problems not commonly seen in the US such as malaria, typhoid and rheumatic heart disease. Fourth-year medical students with a genuine interest in global health and in caring for underserved populations are encouraged to apply.

This rotation will expose the student to 1) medical care at a national hospital ([Muhimbili National Hospital](#)) in a developing country which has recently invested in an advanced cardiac center and 2) participation in a rural outreach clinic where MUSC and [Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences](#) (the national university) have an active, NIH-funded field research site focused on large-scale community-based prevention and care programs, including integration of screening for non-communicable diseases with HIV testing. Students will participate in all aspects of care of medical patients at the [Advanced Cardiac Center](#) at Muhimbili National Hospital. This will include daily inpatient ward rounds, outpatient clinics, ICU, and emergency room management of medical patients.

The scholarship awarded will be \$2500 per person to go towards the cost of travel expenses to Tanzania. The remainder of the cost of travel expenses/lodging/meals/etc will be the responsibility of the student.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be a rising MS4 student in good standing and registered MUSC full-time students.
- Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The process includes combining the following documents as a single PDF and emailing them to ellisk@musc.edu

1. **Personal essay.** Applicants must write a letter in first person, no more than one page single space, about what they want to get out of the educational experience, and how that fits into their career development, and discuss their ability (background and experience) to carry out the project.
2. **Letter of support from faculty advisor.** Provide a letter of support from a MUSC faculty member discussing the applicant's potential and preparedness to undertake the project.
3. **Current CV**

EVALUATION

- A review committee will evaluate the applications based upon the preparedness of the applicant to undertake the project, strength of the personal essay and strength of applicant's background and experience.

- The top applicants from the first round of scoring will be invited to a brief interview with the panel where two finalists will be selected.

Award Requirements

- Recipients will be required to sign a notice of award letter outlining award requirements, which must be fulfilled as part of the funding.
- Award is contingent upon each applicant's satisfactory participation in MUSC's required pre-departure preparation process. Failure to actively participate in and complete the pre-departure preparation process can result in revocation of the award.
- Funds may be used for pre-travel immunizations, visa/passport fees, airfare, program fees, and room and board related to your global health experience. Travel and accommodation (amounts, items, class of airfare, etc) must adhere to MUSC's travel policies.

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