

## **The MGH Global Medicine Fellowship and Faculty Development Program FAQs:**

### **1. Who should apply?**

Applicants should be interested in becoming domestic and international leaders in addressing health disparities, health systems strengthening, and care for vulnerable populations. We welcome applicants with a wide variety of interests including clinical care, research, policy, programmatic leadership, and medical education.

### **2. How do I apply?**

1-2 Global Medicine Fellows are chosen annually. Applicants must be board eligible or board certified in internal medicine when they begin the fellowship. Please submit questions and applications to: [mghglobalmedicine@partners.org](mailto:mghglobalmedicine@partners.org) by **Monday, October 31, 2016**. Complete applications include all of the following:

- Brief letter of interest outlining past experiences in global health, long-term career goals, and reasons for interest in the fellowship
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two letters of recommendations (including one from the residency program director or current chairman)

### **3. What is the application process and timeline?**

All applications are due by Monday, October 31, 2016. Finalists will then be invited for interviews at MGH with the Global Medicine team in November with selection by early December.

### **4. What will trainees gain from the fellowship?**

Career paths in global health vary widely. Our commitment is to provide the experiences, mentorship, community, and support for each fellow to develop the skills and relationships to take the next step in their career. With access to a broad community of global health mentors and practitioners at MGH, Harvard, and the greater Boston community, fellows receive support and coaching to advance their global health career.

### **5. How will the year be structured?**

Each fellow will divide their time between international sites and local clinical service as attending/staff physicians. Didactic curricula will be interspersed and continuous through the year.

The initial 2-months will focus on orientation to the fellowship including the different clinical roles and an intensive, global health skills training seminar focused on clinical skills for patient care in resource-limited settings. Fellows will also attend on the MGH general medicine Bigelow Services and MGH Hospitalist Service.

The remainder of the year will be divided between clinical service in Boston and participating in their on-site field experience.

Over the course of the fellowship, fellows will spend approximately 5 months in the field and 6 months working clinically in the Boston area.

**6. How are clinical and field time divided during the fellowship?**

A mock schedule has been provided below.

	July/August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	
<b>Fellow 1</b>	Orientation/Bigelow/ Hospitalist	Away	Away	Clinical	Clinical	Away	Away	Away	Clinical	Clinical	Clinical	Wrap- Up
<b>Fellow 2</b>	Orientation/Bigelow/ Hospitalist	Clinical	Clinical	Away	Away	Clinical	Clinical	Clinical	Away	Away	Away	Wrap- Up
<i>**4 weeks of vacation during the year</i>												

**7. Where will fellows complete their clinical work in Boston?**

Fellows will spend approximately 6 months of the year working clinically in and around Boston. Clinical work is expected to be completed at the following locations: MGH Hospitalist Medicine Group, MGH Chelsea Health Center, and Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. These domestic experiences support fellows’ growth as clinicians while engaging in the care of vulnerable populations.

**8. How will the global field experiences be structured?**

Fellows will spend approximately 5 months in the field developing clinical, leadership, academic, research, program management, and teaching skills relevant to global health. While engaging in the care of vulnerable populations, and teaching and mentoring local medical students and residents, fellows will collaborate with local partners to improve the health of individuals and communities, and complete a longitudinal scholarly project.

**9. What is the mentorship structure within the program?**

We believe team-based intentional mentorship is invaluable to career growth and success. MGH has a vast network of expertise in global health and connections across Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard Global Health Institute, Boston Health Care for the Homeless, and Partners affiliated hospitals. Starting in the application process, potential fellows should consider how the Global Medicine faculty and staff can support your interests and connect you with content experts and relationships you will need for success. Throughout

the year, regular updates and works-in-progress meetings will allow both peer-to-peer mentorship and engagement with faculty and staff.

#### **10. What is the research component of the fellowship?**

Each fellow will design and implement a longitudinal scholarly project. With the support of local and international mentors, fellows will be expected to design, implement, analyze, and disseminate findings.

#### **11. What is the educational curriculum of the fellowship?**

The educational curriculum includes:

- Global Health Skills Training: 2-4 day intensive experience designed to provide fellows with the clinical skills necessary for patient care in resource-limited settings. Topics will include: first aid, safety and security in the field, basic ultrasound, neonatal resuscitation, basic dental skills, emergency eye care, basic diagnostic tests, technology for global health, tropical medicine, and community-based care.
- Global Health Journal Club: Monthly seminars will provide opportunities for the fellows to gain expertise in the most up-to-date topics and practices in global health.
- Global Health Leadership Breakfast: Designed to provide fellows with exposure to various career trajectories in global health and provide input into the skills necessary for each.
- “Nut-and bolts” Global Health Seminar Series: Dedicated sessions to provide fellows with teaching and discussion on practical matters of leadership in global health. Topics will include: navigating human subject protections, building a team, building the infrastructure, management for global health, fundraising and development, ethics of global health, international risk management, burnout and personal wellbeing, getting your first job in global health, families and global health, and presentation and writing skills.

#### **12. Where can I perform my field experiences?**

The field experiences have been designed to occur in Mbarara, Uganda at one of MGH’s main partner sites and where MGH has an on-going institutional relationship with the Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) and Bugoye Health Center III (BHC III). Responsibilities will include teaching medical students and residents, working clinically in the MUST inpatient wards, providing outpatient and community based care at the BHC III, and participation in our rural village health worker program. While fellows are encouraged to utilize the ongoing partnership in Uganda, consideration will be given to alternative sites with equivalent supervision and mentorship.

**13. What will be the fellowship financial support and benefits?**

Fellows will be provided with a competitive salary & benefits, 4 weeks of vacation, and conference and travel support.

**14. Who are the faculty and staff of the Global Medicine Fellowship?**

- Geren Stone, MD, DTM & H: Global Medicine Program Director
- Palka Patel, MD: Global Medicine Uganda Site Director
- Jessica Kenney, MPH: Global Medicine Program Manager
- Sara Mian-McCarthy: Global Medicine Project Manager
- Jenna Sherry, Global Medicine Program Coordinator
- Kris Olson, MD, MPH, DTM&H: CAMTech Medical Director, Associated Faculty
- Ryan Carroll, MD, MPH: Program Director MGH-MUST Research Collaboration

**15. Who do I contact for questions about the Global Medicine Fellowship?**

Please submit all inquiries to: [mghglobalmedicine@partners.org](mailto:mghglobalmedicine@partners.org) and a team member will be in touch with you.