The Dr. Charles A. Sanders/Project HOPE
International Residency Scholarship Program
For North Carolina Medical Residents
2015 Information and Application

Overview

Project HOPE has established an endowment to support a Dr. Charles A. Sanders/Project HOPE International Residency Scholarship Program, in which selected medical resident physicians from North Carolina would be offered, through a competitive application, scholarship funding for a one to two month supervised global health elective at a HOPE program site. The scholarship is offered to resident physicians from North Carolina’s four academic medical universities (Duke University, the University of North Carolina, Wake Forest University, and East Carolina University).

Details of the Residency Scholarship Program

- Participating Institutions

The Dr. Charles A Sanders/Project HOPE Residency Scholarship is offered annually, administered by the University of North Carolina School of Medicine Office of International Activities, to resident physicians from Duke University, the University of North Carolina, Wake Forest University, and East Carolina University. Four distinguished academic leaders within the state are providing guidance and oversight for the program:

  o Nancy C. Andrews, M.D., Ph.D., Dean of the School of Medicine and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Duke University
  o Paul R. Cunningham, M.D., Dean of the Brody School of Medicine, East Carolina University
  o William L. Roper, M.D., MPH, Dean of the School of Medicine, Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs and CEO of the UNC Health Care System, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
  o Edward Abraham, M.D., Dean of Wake Forest School of Medicine, Wake Forest University

- Eligibility

The Scholarship is competitive, with applications open to resident physicians who have completed at least the first year of postgraduate training from the participating institutions. Applicants are expected to demonstrate an interest and commitment to the practice of medicine in a low-resource international setting. Other criteria, including appropriate foreign language skills, will be established by Project HOPE in consultation with the Office of International Activities and the program Advisory Board, and dependent on proposed placement site. India does not have a language requirement; however, the Dominican Republic does require moderate to high Spanish fluency. All scholarship recipients must complete travel health and safety requirements under the auspices of the UNC School of Medicine, Office of International Activities (even for medical residents from other universities) which includes obtaining emergency evacuation insurance and on-line preparation modules.
Assignments

Project HOPE currently works in 35 countries around the world – with program sites in Latin America and the Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa, China and Southeast Asia, Russia/Eurasia, and the Middle East. The sites selected for each rotation will have supervising physician leadership and a clinical program in which a resident physician could make a contribution to the local health education and health care delivery systems. Given that all residencies require physician supervision, HOPE-affiliated physicians in the host country will commit to providing the requisite clinical supervision at the site. In making assignments, Project HOPE will seek to ensure consistency of annual program sites, to enable the development of a supportive infrastructure on the site and to foster relationships with the residents’ schools. An individualized scope of work will be developed for each scholarship, including objectives and an appropriate academic product, and a post-scholarship report would be required following each assignment.

The Project HOPE scholarship will cover:
- Evacuation insurance and traveler’s insurance costs
- Pre-deployment medical exam and vaccinations
- Any associated orientation costs
- One, round-trip economy class airline ticket
- Visa (India only)
- Meals and lodging
- Airport transfers to/from host-nation airport and clinic/lodging

For the upcoming rotation, proposed sites will be:

- **Vijayawada, India (Andhra Pradesh)**, where Project HOPE is partnered with the NRI Academy of Sciences. In a city with a population of 1.2 million, the NRI Academy is a combined hospital, medical college, and nursing school with a 750-bed capacity and a full range of services. The main objective of NRI is to promote the best in medical education and to produce doctors with global standards while providing affordable health care to the needy people of the society on non-profit basis with state of art facilities and modern medical equipment. The Academy’s mission statement is to educate the physician and medical scientist workforce, to discover new medical knowledge, to develop innovative technologies for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease, and to provide health care services in academic settings at an affordable cost. The goal is to produce physicians who are prepared to serve the fundamental purposes of medicine.

  The scholarship recipient(s) will be interning at the NRI General Hospital, assigned to the designated specialty area of the resident. Departments within the General Hospital include: general medicine, pediatrics, emergency medicine, ophthalmology, diagnostic imaging, psychiatry, dermatology, OB-GYN, anesthesia, ENT, physiotherapy, hematology, laboratory, dental, along with a host of specialties. The scholarship recipient(s) will have the opportunity to provide clinical services, to teach, and learn in a professional clinical setting, in collaboration with Project HOPE and the NRI Academy of Sciences. He/she will be supervised by an NRI physician preceptor. Dr. Apparao Mukkamala will provide additional onsite assistance to the resident.

- **Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic**, where Project HOPE has collaborated with the local non-governmental organization (NGO) Order of Malta to improve the health of women and children. In 2002, the partnership began operating a maternal and child health clinic in Santo Domingo – the Herrera Clinic. Self-sustainable within a year, the clinic – and its sister clinics – became a model for the region. Now run by a local partner, the clinics continue to receive technical oversight from
Project HOPE to optimize efficiency, providing more than one million services to over 80,000 women and children to date.

The scholarship recipient(s) will be interning at the Herrera clinic where high quality PHC/MCH services are provided at low cost, including: antenatal and postpartum check-ups, vitamin and mineral supplements during pregnancy, pediatric services, dental care, lab tests, pharmacy, gynecology care, timely detection of cervical, uterine and breast cancer, sonograms, vaccinations, monitoring of child growth and development and nutritional evaluation, general medicine, psychology, HIV counseling, home visits, technical support, coordination with other sector institutions, training of health care professionals, community members and health education for the general population. The scholarship recipient(s) will have an opportunity to work in any of the above areas as determined by him/her in collaboration with Project HOPE DR and Herrera clinic teams. Ms. Teresa Navarrez is the Project HOPE Dominican Republic Country Director, providing additional onsite assistance to the resident.

- **Timeline**

Annual scholarship applications will be available January 1, with an application deadline of February 28; candidate review, screening, and phone interviews in March and final decision making by the advisory board on April 1. The selected candidate(s) will be able to schedule an orientation with the Project HOPE office in Virginia during June/July. Deployment to the field will take place during the August-March timeframe, depending on the schedules and availability of the residents selected, in coordination with the HOPE host site.

Project HOPE and the UNC Office of International Activities will collaborate on resident orientation, which will include a review of the scope of work and expectations, HOPE and University policies and procedures, travel and on-site logistical arrangements, etc.

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### The Dr. Charles A. Sanders Legacy

Charles A. Sanders, M.D. has dedicated his career to extending the benefits of medical care to people and communities in need around the world, and to advancing the role of prospective physicians in this humanitarian endeavor. Over the course of this distinguished career, his knowledge and commitment have been employed in the corporate sector (including leadership positions at Glaxo and directorships at several biopharmaceutical companies); academic medicine (University of North Carolina Health Care System, Harvard University and Massachusetts General Hospital); national research organizations (National Institutes of Health, Institute of Medicine); and the international NGO sector (a member of the Project HOPE Board of Directors for 21 years and Chairman of the Board for 18).

Dr. Sanders is the longest-serving Chairman in Project HOPE’s 57-year history. Apart from HOPE’s founder Dr. William B. Walsh, no individual has made a greater contribution to the growth and international expansion of the organization and to its stature as a global leader in health education, medical training, and humanitarian assistance. As a physician, Dr. Sanders has maintained HOPE’s focus on building the capacity of health care delivery systems in developing and emerging countries around the world by training physicians and other professionals. This scholarship program recognizes and honors this commitment and supports the vital work to which Dr. Sanders has dedicated his life.
Application Requirements

All parts of the application must be submitted together. Individual pieces will not be accepted

For applications, submit a packet that includes the Application for Project HOPE International Health Scholarship (see next page) with attached:

1. Detailed statement of interest (maximum two single-spaced pages) that explains why this opportunity is in line with the resident physician’s career goals and would be a valuable opportunity. This should include:
   a. the purpose of the proposed experience;
   b. a brief description of any previous global health experiences;
   c. educational objectives with regard to the experience; and
   d. the dates/months of available elective time for travel
2. A letter of reference from a faculty physician who has worked with the resident applying DURING residency.
3. A letter of support from the residency director of the program in which the resident is currently participating.
4. An updated CV.

Submit applications to:

Project HOPE
Volunteer Programs
255 Carter Hall Lane
P.O. Box 250
Millwood, VA 22646

Applications may also be submitted in a single PDF document to tchilders@projecthope.org

Applications are due by close of business on February 28, 2015
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Full name: [Student Name]
University: [University Name]

Specialty: [Specialty]
Year of training: [Year of Training]

Mailing Address: [Mailing Address]
Email: [Email]
Phone: [Phone]

Residency Director name and contact information:

Additional Faculty Recommendation:

Proposed dates/months available for global health elective experience:

By my signature below, I authorize the advisory committee for the Project HOPE International health scholarship to contact my residency director and additional faculty reference regarding to my academic standing and support for this application. I give my permission for the committee to review all materials pertinent to my application for this scholarship. I agree to purchase the required insurance policy providing repatriation and medical evacuation for a period covering the duration of my travel abroad and to comply with other recommendations and requirements proposed by the Project HOPE advisory board, staff and the UNC School of Medicine Office of International Activities in administrating this scholarship. I also agree to prepare a written report of my experience at its conclusion.

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Signature                                      Date