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# Anne C. Carter GLOBAL HEALTH FELLOWSHIP Manual



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## **Overview**

The [Anne C. Carter Global Health Fellowship](#) awards 4 (four) American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) student members with a two-year fellowship focused on global health. The Carter Fellowship is both dynamic and multidisciplinary. The first year focuses on a global health curriculum, local project development, and mentorship. The second year focuses on in-depth planning and preparation for a medical service-learning trip to any American Women's Hospital Services (AWHS) [sponsored site](#). These sites are located both in the United States and abroad.

Incoming fellows will be paired with a fellow from the prior year's cohort to facilitate a smooth transition, and provide a supportive environment.

Each Fellow is required to prepare a budget detailing expected expenses for her local project. \$1500 will be awarded to each fellow to subsidize expenses for her medical service-learning trip to an international AWHS site. Fellows will not be required to travel if medical school scheduling does not permit; however, all Fellows must plan a capstone project. Funding for local medical-service learning trips will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Questions or concerns can be addressed by emailing [AMWA National Global Health chairs](mailto:AMWA.National.Global.Health.chairs@amwa-student.org) at [global.health@amwa-student.org](mailto:global.health@amwa-student.org).

## **Application Process**

The application cycle opens during the academic year between August 1 – September 15. **The deadline to submit all requested materials is September 15th.** Applications will not be accepted thereafter. Please email completed applications and letters of recommendation to [global.health@amwa-student.org](mailto:global.health@amwa-student.org). All applicants will receive email notification confirming receipt of their application.

Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision by email no later than three weeks after the application deadline.

## **Eligibility**

To apply for the fellowship, all applicants must be US medical students in good academic standing, and must be national AMWA members *prior* to applying for the fellowship. To join AMWA national, please visit [http://portal.amwa-doc.org/AMWA/Join\\_Today.aspx](http://portal.amwa-doc.org/AMWA/Join_Today.aspx).

### **Expectations**

The Anne C. Carter Global health fellowship is a two-year fellowship designed to provide hands-on experience for students who wish to strengthen their knowledge, and enhance their skills as global health professionals. Therefore, it is expected that students are active participants during the entire length of the fellowship.

### ***Mentorship***

Incoming fellows will be paired with fellows from the previous cohort to assist in the transition process, provide insight, and answer your questions as they arise.

### ***Meetings***

Fellows are expected to attend monthly educational and planning phone conferences with the expectation that they will miss no more than **three (3)** meetings in a 12 month period. In the event that a fellow needs to miss a meeting due to academic or personal reasons, it is expected that the fellow contact the National global health chairs prior to the meeting. Missing more than three unexcused meetings within a 12 month period may result in dismissal from the fellowship, and the selection of a replacement.

Educational meetings may consist of discussing current events in global health, project updates, and feature guest speakers with expertise in global health. Fellows are expected to be prepared prior to the meeting so they can contribute to any discussions.

Planning meetings may be held in addition to, or lieu of educational meetings to discuss special topics such as grant or conference planning.

### ***Local global health project***

Fellows are expected to create a budget and complete a local global health project in their first year of the fellowship. Examples of global health projects include, but are not limited to, educational seminars, global health fairs, speakers, or conference presentations. Fellows are encouraged to be creative in their efforts, and collaborate with community and school organizations for support. Funding can be provided for the range of costs required to execute the project, including printing, speaker fees, room reservations fees, and food. It is expected that fellows provide a written reflection of their local global health project, addressing the project objective, expectations, and pros and cons. Feedback will be used as a tool to assess successful project ideas.

Below is a sample project budget:

**Project title: Screening and discussion of “Born into Brothels”**

Item	Quantity	Cost
Born into Brothels DVD	1	\$30
Refreshments	10 Pizzas	\$100
Printing costs for marketing, posters	5	\$30
Room reservation cost for 3 hours	1 (\$15/hour)	\$45
Total cost		\$205

***Funding for overseas travel***

Year two consists of preparation for international/local travel to an American Women’s Hospital Services (AWHS) clinical site. Funding may also be provided for global health opportunities outside of the AWHS clinics on a case-by-case basis, although students are strongly encouraged to seek out opportunities with these clinics first. \$1500 for overseas travel is awarded contingent on completion of year one requirements (the local global health project, submission of the written reflection, meeting attendance). If the local global health project is not completed, the global health committee reserves the right to deny funding for overseas travel.

In recognizing that medical school schedules may not permit for international travel, students are encouraged to find a local AWHS site for which a funding amount will be determined.

AMWA partners with the American Women’s Hospital Services (AWHS, [www.amwa-doc.org/awhs](http://www.amwa-doc.org/awhs)) to provide medical care to urban and rural populations both internationally and in the United States.

International AWHS sites are found in: Haiti, Nepal, Peru, Tanzania, and Uganda.

US AWHS sites are found in: California, Kansas, New Jersey, Tennessee, Washington D.C., and Wisconsin.

## **FAQs**

### *1. How can I become an Anne C. Carter Global Health Fellow?*

Apply by completing the application and submitting it to [global.health@amwa-student.org](mailto:global.health@amwa-student.org) by the deadline. In addition, please have the person completing your letter of recommendation submit it by the deadline to this email address as well.

### *2. Do I have to be a National AMWA member before I can apply for the Anne C. Carter Global Health Fellowship?*

Yes, you have to be a national member before you can apply. To become a National AMWA member, please visit [www.amwa-doc.org](http://www.amwa-doc.org).

### *3. What is the deadline for applying for the fellowship?*

The application period for the fellowship for the 2013-2014 school year is August 1st- September 15th, 2013.

### *4. What are the time commitments of the fellowship?*

Time commitments vary depending on the involvement of the fellow in fellowship, and other activities (e.g. grant writing, conference planning, etc). However, fellows are expected to attend monthly phone conferences which generally last no more than two hours, as well as committee meetings as needed. In addition, time commitments may increase while the fellow is in the planning and preparation stages for their local project, or global travels.

### *5. What kind of work do the fellows do?*

Carter fellows share a passion for global health, and can be found chairing national global health AMWA committees, performing medical services, and conducting research around the world. There is no limit to what a fellow can do, and as such, fellows are encouraged to seek out global health activities both locally and abroad. Learn more about what fellows are doing by visiting the Carter Fellows Blog at [www.carterfellows.wordpress.com](http://www.carterfellows.wordpress.com)!

### *6. Where can I learn more about the American Medical Women's Association?*

To learn more about the American Medical Women's Association, visit the website at <http://www.amwa-doc.org>