

## RESOURCE GUIDE

### CORNELL GLOBAL HEALTH OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE

#### Cornell International and Study Abroad Programs

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**Cornell Abroad** invites you to spend a semester or academic year of study abroad in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, or Oceania as an integral part of your Cornell undergraduate career. Study abroad can give you an enriching intellectual experience, a deeper understanding of yourself and the world, expanded career potential, and enhanced maturity as you adjust to another system of education, a different culture, and in many cases, another language. These qualities and experiences will prepare you for citizenship in our interdependent world.

Check out the programs below.

##### ***International Honors Programs (IHP)***

- Health & Community (Travel to US, India, China and South Africa)

##### ***School of International Training (SIT Study Abroad)***

- Public Health Concentration of Study
  - Brazil – Public Health and Community Welfare
  - Kenya – Development, Health and Society
  - Mali – Gender, Health and Development
  - South Africa – Public Health
  - Uganda – Health and Development Studies

<http://www.cuabroad.cornell.edu/>

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Exchange Programs** (CALS students only)  
Study on a CALS exchange for a year or semester at one of over 20 universities worldwide. See the list of our partner universities. If you are a current CALS student interested in studying abroad through an exchange, please **email** or visit their office in 140 Roberts Hall.

<http://www.cals.cornell.edu/cals/current/abroad-exchange/index.cfm>

#### Research Internships & Volunteer Experiences

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##### **Cornell University Peace Studies Program**

The Peace Studies Program will award one or more Harrop and Ruth Freeman Fellowships to encourage Cornell undergraduates to pursue summer work related to peace studies and conflict resolution in an otherwise unpaid position with a not-for-profit organization.

<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/PeaceProgram/funding/freeman-fellowship.asp>

**The Minority Health & Health Disparities International Research Training (MHIRT)**

**Program at Cornell** is currently looking for interested sophomore and junior undergraduates (with a 3.0 minimum GPA) to participate in an international research experience this summer. U.S. Underrepresented minorities (African Americans, American Indians and Chicanos/as, Latinos/as) and students from diverse groups (e.g . white Appalachian communities) with major health disparities are strongly encouraged to apply.

**The Research**

Research will be related to the investigation of natural medicines and proteins of medicinal value and will cover topics such as medicinal biodiversity, biomedicines, nutritional biochemistry, epidemiology, and translational studies in health disparities. The major focus of the research will be on diabetes type 2. Special emphasis will be placed on the wealth of biomedicines (pharmaceuticals) derived from plants, arthropods, fungi, and microbes, which constitute the biodiversity of the tropical and desert world.

**The Trip**

The Spring-Summer-2008 program will be in Mexico (10 weeks) and the Dominican Republic (2 weeks) and will include investigations at the Punta Cana Biodiversity Laboratory in the Dominican Republic and the Center for Tropical Disease Control (CENCET) and the Santo Domingo Diabetes Institute and the Dermatological Institute in Santo Domingo. The program in Mexico will be at the Autonomous University of Baja California (UABC) and in collaboration with other Universities in tropical Veracruz.

**The Project**

The purpose of the program is to learn about health disparities through biomedical research and training. The program is for 12 weeks during the spring and summer. Each student participant will contribute, through field and biochemical laboratory research related to biodiversity and drug discovery and health disparities. Additionally, each participant will develop, over the course of the program, an individual research project related to biomedicines and health disparities. For the individual project, each participant will collect field and biochemical laboratory data, give oral presentations at national conferences, and prepare a formal research paper to be published in Emanations Online, an undergraduate online research journal, published at Cornell University.

**If selected, the program covers travel, research supplies, food, and lodging and provides a monthly stipend.**

**Application Deadline: February 5, 2008**

Please see attached application for more information and details on the application process.

Additional questions?

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**AIESEC**, the world's largest student organization, is the international platform for young people to discover and develop their potential so as to have a positive impact on society. There is a chapter on Cornell's campus. This organization has volunteer opportunities specifically related to development and health education in resource poor settings.

<http://www.aiesec.net/web/united-states/cornell/home/>

<http://aieseconline.net/>

**Organizations Hosting and Supporting Volunteers Abroad**

*These organizations act as a middleman for volunteers and communities/causes, providing the former with arranged food and board, emotional support, orientations, flight information, and sometimes entertainment, all the while providing the latter with able and willing bodies and brains. These organizations are funded by the fees they charge volunteers.*

**BUNAC** provides volunteer opportunities in Cambodia, Peru or South Africa. There are health-related placements in each of these countries. **Volunteers are responsible for paying program fees and funding these experiences.**

<http://www.bunac.org/usa/>

**Cross-Cultural Solutions** has volunteer opportunities in Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Morocco, Peru, Russia, South Africa, Tanzania and Thailand. Placements are in health care, education, community development or working with children, women's groups or teenage students. **Volunteers are responsible for paying program fees and funding these experiences.**

<http://www.crossculturalsolutions.org/>

**InterExchange** has programs in Costa Rica, India, Kenya Namibia, Peru, and South Africa. There are health-related placements. **Volunteers are responsible for paying program fees and funding these experiences.**

<http://www.workingabroad.org/volunteer/volunteer.html>

**World Endeavors** has placements in Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Jamaica, and Thailand. There are health-related placements. **Volunteers are responsible for paying program fees and funding these experiences.**

<http://www.worldendeavors.com/>

**World Teach** has summer placements in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Namibia, and South Africa. Some of these placements can also include health-related education projects. **Volunteers are responsible for paying program fees and funding these experiences.**

<http://www.worldteach.org>

**Global Volunteer Network** has programs in [Cambodia](#), [China](#), [Costa Rica](#), [Ecuador](#), [El Salvador](#), [Ghana](#), [Honduras](#), [India](#), [Kenya](#), [Nepal](#), [New Zealand](#), [Philippines](#), [Romania](#), [Russia](#), [Rwanda](#), [South Africa](#), [Tanzania](#), [Thailand](#), [Uganda](#). Many of these programs include health-related projects. **Volunteers are responsible for paying program fees and funding these experiences.**

<http://www.volunteer.org.nz/>

## Cornell Global Health

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By the summer of 2008, the Cornell Global Health Program hopes to develop internship opportunities for Cornell undergraduate students pursuing the minor in Global Health. These internships will be competitive and needs-based. Possible locations are:

- Zanzibar & Pemba Islands, Tanzania – Zanzibar Malaria Control Program – **Malaria**
- Port-au-Prince, Haiti – GHESKIO - **HIV/AIDS**
- Mwanza, Tanzania - Weill Medical College of Bugando University College of Health Sciences – **Healthcare Delivery & Development**