

Distinction Program Information

Distinction Program Name:	Global Health		
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Application Deadline and Requirements:

Year 1: Timeline below if for AY21-22:

- Early January: GHDP information session
- January 31st: preliminary meeting with Dr. Sifri or Sule (not required)
- February 5th: draft proposal to Drs. Sifri/Sule
- February 12th: final proposal
- Mid-February: Interviews
- End-February: Acceptances

The proposal for application to the program must include the following elements (limit to 3 pages)

1. Personal and professional information/motivation for being part of the GHDP
2. Brief background on the topic you wish to study/work on, including why you chose this topic
3. Project proposal including broad academic/research questions and timeline
4. List of potential faculty mentors (these do not need to be confirmed for the application)
5. In view of the rigor of the Program, expectations for the Program will be clearly delineated during the interview process.

Selection will be made based on the faculty's evaluation of the student's motivation, stated goals and objectives and academic standing.

Year 2: The program is only open to applications during Year 1 except for MD/PhD or other extended training format students. Such students should contact the faculty leads directly.

Program Description: ~ 250 words max

The field of global health has grown considerably over the past decade and experiencing a surge in support and growth at Rutgers. A significant majority of medical students now express an interest in learning more about global health, with almost a third participating in a global health experience. In addition to personal enrichment students gain a skillset that they can use in the future to make an impact on their personal medical practices, as well as global health.

In this Distinction Program, students will study the global burden of disease and their potential role as an actor international development. Students will further consider the ethics of global health and impact effectiveness when designing their programs. Finally, students will be supported in this program by program personnel with expertise in global health, including related to their field experience project. On successful completion of the program students will have gained a strong foundation to be active in global health in a practical, effective and ethically sound manner.

Goals & Objectives:

1. Worked with an advisor (ex. faculty member and/or community leader) to fulfill the requirements of the Distinction Program;
2. Developed and fulfilled individual goals and objectives for their experience specific to their scholarly interests;
3. Planned, reviewed, reflected upon, and completed a scholarly activity that results in a local regional or national reviewed presentation and/or publication;
4. Developed a network of students, faculty, and leaders with similar service and scholarly interests.

Program Requirements:

- Participation in all service, global health, urban health, entrepreneurship and innovation in medicine or medical education Distinction Program activities
- Attendance at a minimum of bi-annual meetings with the respective Distinction Program advisor
- Attendance at all Distinction Program didactic sessions
- Development of a Distinction Program portfolio that documents Distinction Program activities and achievements
- Completion of a 4th year Capstone elective to finalize Distinction Program requirements

Capstone Project Overview:

- Based upon didactic sessions, advising, and experiential learning experiences
- Written paper (length to be determined with faculty leads and project mentor)
- Oral presentation at pre-graduation Distinction Program symposium
- Submission of abstract/manuscript to a regional or national conference/journal