Internship structure and design

Interns in the Office of Global Engagement will have the unique opportunity to work locally with UNC Faculty and staff as well as on national and international levels with various partners and collaborators.

All interns will work under the management of the Global Engagement Fellow, however, will have various project supervisors depending on the nature of their global assignments. Projects assigned are based on each intern’s individual global interest as well as needs of the office. Interns have the option to commit between 25-40 hours a week to work on assigned projects.

This internship focuses on teaching students skills to work in a truly global environment, and to better understand the constantly changing environment of pharmacy practice in the world. Interns work with the internship manager to develop personal goals for the summer, and also work towards established cognitive and general skill development.

Interns will be invited to a variety of meetings held internally with the School and externally with international partners via video teleconference. Meetings are vital learning opportunities for interns to learn more about the intricacies behind partnership development and collaboration.

In addition to hands on active learning, all interns participate in a global health oriented book discussion. Discussions teach interns to think critically by applying global health concepts to current office activities.

Interns will be selected based on a written application and an in-person interview.

About us:
The Office of Global Engagement supports the School’s global aspirations and strategic objectives which are to 1) expand the School’s education, research, and practice mission globally and 2) participate in global health-care initiatives in partnership with other UNC health science schools. Some of the main programs and activities coordinated by the Office include:

- **PharmAlliance** - A unique 3 way partnership between the schools of pharmacy at Monash University (Melbourne, Australia), University College London (London, England), and UNC to foster collaboration on projects that have the potential to make a global impact.

- **Global Pharmacy Scholars** - A program that enables 4th year student pharmacists at ESOP to participate in an international APPE. In its second year, 36 students will be traveling to eight different countries to learn about culture and pharmacy practice for a period of one month. The goal of the program is to enable 50% of each graduating class to participate in an international rotation.

- **Global Engagement Fellowship** - A two-year postdoctoral training program to develop future global pharmacy leaders in academic or healthcare organizations. The fellow works with and reports to the Associate Dean for Global Engagement and the Director of Global Engagement in activities of the office, which include, but are not limited to, developing current global initiatives and maintaining strategic international partnerships.
Internship Opportunities

The selected intern(s) will have the opportunity to work in one or more of the following areas:

- **Survey research** - the office is currently exploring ideas in survey research within select developing nations surrounding clinical pharmacy practice and pharmacy education. The intern(s) may have opportunities to learn about survey science, develop surveys, and participate in survey distribution.

- **Curricular development** - the office is currently engaged in the development of new courses and degree programs, in which the intern(s) may have the opportunity to contribute towards content development.

- **Due diligence for international opportunities** - the Office of Global Engagement is continuously evaluating the international landscape for new, innovative, and impactful global opportunities. The school is interested in evaluating opportunities within Africa, South America and the Middle East. The intern(s) may learn and contribute to processes involved in the due diligence that is involved in assessing global opportunities.

- **Data analysis/Metrics development** - data is the backbone of new ideas, continuous quality improvement, and evaluation of progress. The intern(s) may have the opportunity to learn and contribute to data collection for the office of global engagement as well as develop metrics/tools for use in monitoring and evaluation of office activities.

- **Program development** - the office is exploring opportunities in developing business plans for new activities and programs. The intern(s) may have the opportunity to learn skills in developing new activities and programs for PharmAlliance and emerging initiatives.
A word from the 2016 Global Engagement Interns

Erin Wei, PharmD Candidate 2018

“I would highly recommend applying for this internship if you are a driven, self-motivated individual who is looking to develop your career interests and further refine your professionalism and leadership skills. There’s a great balance between ‘learning’ vs. ‘doing,’ and your supervisors will help you achieve your professional and personal goals. If you’re willing to step out of your comfort zone and tackle a project you’re passionate about, you will get the most out of this experience. For me personally, working in the OGE has led to many other opportunities that I would not have been able to take had I not done this internship.”

Hijrah El-Sabae, PharmD Candidate 2018

“The OGE internship was an amazing experience that allowed me to participate in research and discussions in global health and gain a deeper appreciation for our school’s international initiatives. Several of my projects included evaluating academic opportunities within the Middle East, developing data collection methods for monitoring OGE activities and projects, and assisting in the development of a new global elective PharmD course. Because of the support of the OGE team, I am better able to understand pharmacy practice in other parts of the world and identify barriers regarding access to care in certain patient populations.”

Kevin Straughn, PharmD Candidate 2019

“When I started the internship, I knew very little about global pharmacy, global public health, and how academic institutions function (meetings, relationships, etc). I learned an incredible amount about global health and pharmacy, how to conduct an environmental scan, and how to work within an academic setting. I developed a business plan having had no prior knowledge about where to start. I developed confidence in approaching problems that I have very little experience in. I feel the internship broadened my worldview without even leaving Chapel Hill.”
Questions?

Please feel free to e-mail us with any questions/comments/concerns. More information to come in Spring 2017.

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