



UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy Global Engagement Fellowship

The global engagement fellowship is a two-year long training program based at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill, NC. The fellow will work with the Director of Global Engagement and Associate Dean for Global Engagement with a primary focus on research and programmatic support. The fellow will engage in the following main activities:

- Conduct global health and global pharmacy education research and scholarship (45%)
- Support and strengthen global programs and initiatives (45%)
- Provide teaching support for global health didactic and experiential learning (10%)

Additional opportunities may be available depending on interests.

“This fellowship has allowed me to step beyond the bounds of traditional pharmacy training to make measurable impacts on international health systems and global pharmacy education, all while developing meaningful international relationships in the process. UNC is a leader in global pharmacy education which has challenged me to grow as both a global health practitioner and educator.”

– Sarah Dascanio, 2018-2020 Fellow

The Office of Global Engagement supports the mission of the school “to develop leaders in pharmacy education, pharmacy practice, and pharmaceutical sciences who make a difference on human health worldwide.” The School assumes a leadership role in health-related efforts worldwide and has three primary objectives: (1) expand the School’s education, research, and practice mission globally, (2) initiate and participate in global health care initiatives with UNC health sciences schools, and (3) translate global experiences and initiatives into opportunities that have an impact across the state of North Carolina.

The fellow will be expected to develop administrative, leadership, and research skills to be impactful in a variety of sectors including:

- Non-government organizations (NGOs)
- Academia
- Other globally focused opportunities

The previous two global engagement fellows have successfully pursued careers in academia.



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Programmatic Support

The fellow will help to lead and strengthen a variety of global programs as shown below.

- Global Pharmacy Scholars (GPS) Program: A program that sends 55+ students a year to one of 10 international partner sites for an Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotation.
- Innovations and Transformations in Pharmaceutical Sciences (ITPS): A four-week summer program offered to 60+ international students to learn about pharmacy practice and pharmaceutical sciences at UNC.
- Malawi and Zambia Quality Improvement Initiative: An initiative to develop, implement, and evaluate interventions focused on improving pharmacy services and strengthening health systems in collaboration with local pharmacy partners in Lilongwe, Malawi and Lusaka, Zambia.
- PharmAlliance: A three-way partnership between the pharmacy schools at UNC, Monash University, and University College London that allows for collaboration among faculty, staff, and students across teaching, research, and practice.



Scholarship and Research

The fellow will be expected to present and publish independent and collaborative research. They will gain experience in qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods approaches.

Examples of prior research projects include:

- Implementation and evaluation of a quality improvement initiative at a central hospital in Lilongwe, Malawi
- Perceptions, opportunities, and barriers of clinical pharmacy practice among physicians, pharmacists, and nurses in Malawi and Zambia
- Evaluation of learning outcomes in students participating in international APPE rotations
- Evaluation of a global leadership module offered across three international schools of pharmacy

Education and Training

The fellow will serve as a TA/instructor for an interprofessional global and rural health course at UNC that focuses on how to apply global health principles locally to communities. In addition, the fellow will facilitate education and training for all students prior to participating in international rotations. In these roles, it is possible to earn a teaching certificate at UNC. Additional teaching opportunities are available as interested.

How to Apply

Applications for the Global Engagement Fellowship will be due in early 2022 and must include the following documents:

- Most recent CV
- Cover Letter
- Official or unofficial transcripts
- 2-3 letters of recommendation

For additional questions about the fellowship or application process, please contact Dr. Lauren Blum at lauren_blum@unc.edu. More information about our global programs is also found on our website [here](#).