

**Office of Global Health Initiatives**  
**Student & Trainee Travel Awards**

The Student & Trainee Travel Award for Global Health is worth \$1,000 and aims to provide our students and trainees\* with invaluable opportunities to engage in global health work while fostering cultural humility and reciprocal partnerships. We hope to empower the next generation of healthcare leaders to address health disparities and make meaningful contributions towards global health equity.

*\* A trainee is defined as an undergraduate or graduate student or post-graduate position such as residents and fellows.*

**Eligibility:**

- Applicants must be a full-time student or trainee in a UTHealth Houston school
- Travel must be related to global health education, research, or clinical settings
  - Activities occurring in resource-limited settings will be prioritized.
  - The award may not be used for travel related to conferences.
- Travel must be for a minimum of 7 days.
  - Longer travel and/or travel with UTHealth faculty members(s) will be given priority.
- Recipients may only receive this award once every 3 years.
- Please visit the university travel exemption website <https://inside.uth.edu/travel-exemption/> to verify if your travel destination is currently under a travel restriction.

**Application Specifics:**

- Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. There is no fixed deadline, but applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible during the fiscal year (September to August) to ensure consideration while funds remain available.
- Application must be submitted at least 8 weeks prior to the departure date.
- The award decision will be announced within a month of application submission.
- Awarded funds must be utilized before the end of the fiscal year (August 31).

**Award Requirements:**

- Recipients must submit a written summary or reflection on of their activities within 30 days of returning to the U.S. (minimum 500 words) along with 5-10 photos.
- If the recipient elects to use the award for airfare, they are required to use Corporate Travel Planners (CTP) to book flights.
- If the recipient elects to use the award toward other travel expenses, they must submit receipts within 30 days of returning to the U.S.
  - Reimbursement-eligible expenses:
    - Food (excluding alcohol)
    - Lodging
    - Transportation costs (excluding airfare)
    - Visas, permits, licenses, or required fees
    - Additional insurance coverage
    - Travel related health costs (e.g., vaccines or medications)
  - No reimbursements can be processed for alcohol, tourism, souvenirs, personal incidentals, or expenses without a receipt.

**Apply at:** [OGHI Online Platform](#)

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