



Global Health @ UCHICAGO

The University of Chicago is a premier destination for global health. UChicago offers extensive resources – including specialized coursework, internships, research, and preprofessional programs – to help undergraduate students prepare for careers and advanced study in global health.

ACADEMICS

Global health is a highly interdisciplinary field that welcomes students of all majors. Students interested in global health are encouraged to explore courses in the following academic programs:

Majors

- Biological Sciences – Global and Public Health Interdisciplinary Track
- Global Studies – Health, Environment, and Urban Studies Track
- History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Science and Medicine
- Human Rights
- Public Policy – Health Policy Specialization

Minors

- Health and Society
- Inequality, Social Problems, and Change
- Quantitative Social Analysis
- Science Communication and Public Discourse

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Students can build specialized skills and enhance their competitiveness for global health opportunities with the following UChicago master's programs. College students can apply as early as their second year for these programs through the UChicago “4+1” Scholars Program, which also provides a partial-tuition scholarship during the fifth year of study.

- Committee on International Relations
- Master of Public Health
- Master of Public Policy
- MA in Computational Social Science
- MA in Public Policy
- MA Program in the Social Sciences
- MA Program in Social Work, Social Policy, and Administration
- Master's in Social Sector Leadership and Nonprofit Management
- MS in Applied Data Science
- MS in Data Science
- MS in Environmental Science
- MS in Precision Health
- MS in Statistics

“My roles as a Kiphart Collegiate Fellow and Global Health Scholar, combined with my internship experiences, have equipped me with a foundation in public health and policy as I aspire to pursue a Master's in Public Health.”



Ermelinda Calderon, AB'25

Major: Public Policy, Comparative Human Development

Programs: Pozen Global Health Scholars, Kiphart Collegiate Fellows

Post-Graduation Placement: Columbia University - Master of Public Health Program

Internships:

- Central American Health Informatics Network
- Columbia University Summer Public Health Scholars Program
- National Hispanic Health Institute

GLOBAL HEALTH CAREERS

Specialized Preprofessional Programs

- **Pozen Global Health Scholars Program:** selective program that offers skill trainings, internships, and networking opportunities with employers like Amnesty International, the Peace Corps, Physicians for Human Rights, and the U.S. State Department
- **Global Health Frontiers:** helps first-year students jumpstart their global health journey with summer workshops, a global health case project, and funded internships
- **Kiphart Collegiate Fellows Program:** provides students with stipends to support experiential learning internships in global health and social development, typically focused on the Global South

Career Treks

On Career Treks, students travel to a new city to meet potential employers. Each year, Career Advancement offers a global health career trek where students can network with NGOs, government agencies, health policy organizations, and healthcare clinics. Previous global health career treks have visited Accra, Kigali, Nairobi, New York, and Washington, D.C.

GLOBAL HEALTH RESEARCH

Center for Global Health Research Fellowship

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College Research Programs

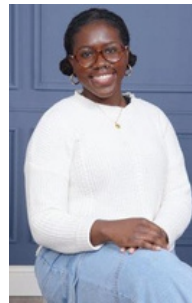
- **African Studies Research Grant:** funds students conducting summer research in Africa
- **Foreign Language Acquisition Grant:** offers awards to support the costs of intermediate or advanced language study abroad over the summer
- **Quad Undergraduate Research Scholars Grants:** offers competitive, open-discipline grants for faculty- mentored research during both the academic year and the summer
- **Straetz International Undergraduate Research Scholars Program:** supports advanced research opportunities outside the United States during the summer
- **Summer International Travel Grant:** sponsors students conducting 6-8 weeks of summer research outside the U.S.
- **Quad Undergraduate Research Conference Grants:** funds conference participation by current undergraduates to present a poster or deliver an oral presentation on a faculty-mentored research project at an academic conference
- **Undergraduate Research Symposium:** gives undergraduate researchers from across all disciplines and all years opportunities to present their research in poster or oral presentation sessions

Internships

UChicago's **Jeff Metcalf Internship Program** provides 4,500+ paid, substantive internships each year across many different career fields and geographic locations. Previous Metcalf interns have secured opportunities with leading global and public health organizations, including:

- Amref Health Africa
- HealthRight International
- International AIDS Society
- NYC Health + Hospitals
- United Nations Population Fund
- Central American Health Informatics Network
- Healthy People Rwanda
- Mayo Clinic
- Population Health International
- World Bank

“During my internships with Africa Mental Health Matters, Population Services International (PSI), and the BLESSED Research Group, I've had the opportunity to work on community-centered projects focused on malaria prevention, mental health awareness, and improving sanitation particularly, in high-risk populations. These experiences deepened my understanding of the complex health challenges these communities face and strengthened my commitment to advancing health equity on a global scale.”



Sarah Adonle, Class of 2026

Major: Psychology, Comparative Human Development

Programs: Pozen Global Health Scholars, Kiphart Collegiate Fellows, Quad Research Grant, Joint BA/MA at Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice

Internships:

- Africa's Health Matters
- BLESSED Research Group
- International AIDS Society
- Population Services International
- University of Ghana - Child and Mental Health Research

