

Approval Criteria for Queen's University School of Medicine Pre-clerkship Global Health Observership

Any medical student engaging in a pre-clerkship Global Health Observership, wishing to have their experience officially documented in their academic records must have the observership approved by the Office of Global Health.

An approved Medical Student Global Health Observership will have all of the following components:

Safety Requirements

1. A program coordinator clearly identified and easily reachable
2. Accommodation must be safe and organized by the program coordinator and details must be available to the student prior to committing
3. The program coordinator or their designate must be committed to being in frequent communication with the student before and during the experience
4. An emergency field contact must be clearly designated prior to departure and this contact must be submitted to the Office of Global Health
5. The country and region must not be an area of civil conflict or unrest
6. Final safety approval by Queen's University International Centre (must submit OCASP form)

Educational Experience

1. There must be a clearly designated site supervisor
2. The observership must last a minimum of 4 weeks
3. Educational objectives must be submitted by the student and accepted by the program coordinator. These objectives must then be submitted and approved by the Office of Global Health
4. Student must arrange for program coordinator to email Office of Global Health to confirm approval of student's educational objectives
5. Observership experiences and objectives do not need to be solely medical and can include experiences in the management of various determinants of health
6. The student should never be expected to perform above their level of training

Impact on the Community

1. A overview of the project and potential impact on the community involved must be approved by the Office of Global Health
2. The project must be 'not-for-profit' (i.e. no medical tourism)
3. Students must sign the Code of Conduct prior to observership approval. This includes not doing anything abroad that would be illegal in Canada. Program coordinator and site supervisor must be aware of Code of Conduct and email Office of Global Health to confirm.