

Loma Linda University~Global Service Pathway

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who may apply to the Global Service Pathway?

A: Loma Linda University School of Medicine DMA'S (Deferred Mission Appointees)

Q: Why can't other medical students apply?

A: This is a Pilot Program - our first year. The additional cost to LLU for this unique program is considerable (>\$12,000/resident). The organization financially supporting the future mission service of LLUSM DMA's is also supporting them in this program. At present, this is the only way we can make ends meet.

Q: What if I am willing to pay my own extra expenses or if my own Mission Organization will pay my expenses?

A: We are happy to talk to you about it. We hope to welcome the application of any qualified, compassionate, and service oriented student if financing allows.

Q: Will students from other schools be able to apply in the future?

A: Yes, we very much hope so! Once we prove the success of this pilot program, we will fund raise among interested persons and charities, and apply for grants. These funds will allow us to cover the extra costs for residents who are not receiving DMA support.

Q: Which of your residency programs offer this Pathway?

A: Internal Medicine is ready to go. It is a Primary Care Track position in Internal Medicine. Family Medicine is in the planning stage. Watch their web site. Features of the pathway, short of the whole program may be offered by other residencies in the future. Stay tuned.

Q: What if I apply and don't get the spot?

A: If you wish, you can have your application revert to LLU Internal Medicine straight Primary Care Track or to Categorical IM. Those who revert to the straight IM Primary Care Track can still participate in our HIV training emphasis. Or you can apply only for the Global Service spot, resulting in you matching elsewhere if you don't get our spot.

Q: What if I want to work in low income countries or with underserved populations in non-tropical countries?

A: You may wish to apply for our Internal Medicine Primary Care Track, which, when you get here, allows you to opt for the HIV Pathway.

Q: Where can I find information on the HIV Pathway?

A: Documents under development

Q: How many positions will be available for 2014?

A: In Internal Medicine we plan 1 position.

Q: Are there any prerequisites?

A: Yes. You must complete the University of Minnesota Global Health online Tropical Medicine course, and upon arrival at Loma Linda next June, present certificates of completion for all 7 modules. You will revert to the straight Primary Care Track if you fail to present this documentation. This online course will be offered as a Senior Elective to LLUSM students.

<http://www.globalhealth.umn.edu/education/online-global-health-course/index.htm>

Q: What will make me a desirable candidate?

- Of course, a heart for service and a desire to make a difference in the world and in underserved populations at home.
- You will be the face of Loma Linda University to the Global Health Programs and international hospitals with which we partner. We will be looking for amicable persons who genuinely resonate with our mission to 'Make Man Whole,' and who present themselves well to others.
- We will look for a letter of recommendation specifically addressing your qualifications pertaining to this Pathway.
- This is a competitive position. You will take the HIV credentialing examination and the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene CTropMed[®] - Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health examination. These exams are DIFFICULT, and you are expected to pass. You will take these exams in addition to being ready to take IM Boards! You must be skilled at mastering facts and concepts, and proving it on an exam.
- You need to be organized and focused. You will need to anticipate registration deadlines, arrange your own housing on domestic away rotations, and plan travel. If you miss a deadline, there may not be another opportunity for you to complete that rotation.
- Other things may be tie-breakers:
 - Bilingual
 - Masters in Public Health
 - Previous volunteer experience or employment in Global Medical or Service organizations

Q: What about research?

A: We are positioning this Pathway as a Global **SERVICE** pathway. Academic projects will be case related, focused on cultural competency, or on sustainability of personal or organizational interventions in these communities.

Q: How does the Global Service Pathway differ from Loma Linda's Internal Medicine International Elective?

A: All Internal Medicine Residents (including Preliminary) and Medicine-Pediatrics residents who maintain preferred status are allowed to opt for a one month international elective during their residency. Your travel and housing expenses are your own responsibility for the international elective, but we can help you apply for small travel stipends.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: If you are on our web page now, there is more information right here. Click on the next link. If you have received this document another way, go to our Internal Medicine Website. <http://lomalindahealth.org/medical-center/our-services/internal-medicine/for-health-care-professionals/residency/about-the-program.page>

Q: To whom may I address my questions?

A: To me, below. I will answer your questions personally if I can, or simply amend the FAQ's on our web page.

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