Emory Global Health Institute: The First Six Years

Student Programs

Student Advisory Committee
- Representation from all nine schools at Emory
- Cross-disciplinary student networking and collaboration
- Committee members bring new perspectives to the EGHI

EGHI Field Scholars Program
The Field Scholars Program promotes student learning by linking academic study with practical experience in the field. As individual scholars or in multidisciplinary teams, students conduct short-term global health projects focusing on underserved and/or vulnerable populations around the world.

GH Student Photography Contest
The purpose of the Global Health Student Photography Contest is to foster cultural sensitivity by encouraging students conducting global health projects to examine the culture and people with whom they work. Each year, five winning photographs are selected.

Global Health Case Competition
An innovative student learning program that brings together students from multiple disciplines to address a critical global health challenge in a competitive and collaborative environment. In 2009, the first competition involved 40 Emory students. Since then, it has grown so much that in 2012 the Emory Global Health Institute hosted two competitions, involving 203 students from Emory and other universities located around the world.

Faculty Programs

Faculty Distinction Fund Awardees
EGHI supports Emory's schools and units in the recruitment and hiring of faculty members who the Institute believes will add value to the University and its efforts to improve health around the world.

Gonzalo Vazquez-Prokopec, PhD
Research Focus: The connections between ecology, public health, and statistics to better understand key determinants in the transmission of vector-borne and parasitic diseases and to improve current disease mitigation strategies.

Sara J. Markowitz, PhD
Research Focus: The role of public policies in determining healthy and unhealthy behaviors, with an emphasis on children and adolescent health including gun injuries, violence, crime, alcohol consumption, and smoking.

Partnership Program Grants
EGHI funds faculty across Emory University who have proposed innovative, high-impact, sustainable global health programs.

Rafi Ahmed, PhD
The ICGEB-Emory Vaccine Center is a joint venture of the Emory Vaccine Center and the New Delhi-based International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. The primary purpose of the Center is to improve the control of infectious diseases around the world with a special emphasis on those diseases that disproportionately affect vulnerable populations in the developing world. This program has already made significant progress researching vaccines for malaria, hepatitis C and E, tuberculosis, and HIV.

Faculty Seed Grants
The Institute also provides seed funding for pilot projects that show great promise of developing into future, sustainable global health programs.

Russell Kemper, MD, MSc
The aims of this seed grant, entitled "Extensively Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (XDR-TB)," are: 1) to evaluate the performance of rapid diagnostic tests for the detection of drug resistance and measure their impact on treatment outcomes; and 2) to study the role of adjunctive surgical resection on XDR-TB treatment outcomes.

Externally Funded Programs

IANPHI
The International Association of National Public Health Institutes links and strengthens government agencies responsible for public health. IANPHI improves the world’s health by leveraging the experience and expertise of its member institutes to build robust public health systems.

China Tobacco Control Partnership
The goal of the Emory Global Health Institute – China Tobacco Control Partnership is to reduce the health, social, environmental, and economic burdens of tobacco use in China. Since China has the highest rate of tobacco use in the world, programs focus on assisting the Chinese in developing and implementing effective, accountable and sustainable tobacco prevention and control initiatives.

Special Events and Programs

Westlake Forum III China Conference
More than 250 Chinese and US health administrators and scholars from leading academic and government institutions gathered at Emory to share ideas and discuss solutions for improving health care in both countries.

Margaret Chan, Global Leadership
In 2010, Margaret Chan, Director General of the World Health Organization, spoke at Emory about global health changes and challenges.

Smallpox Eradication Commemoration
The goal of SEC2010 was to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the global eradication of smallpox. Three main projects included:
- A monument at the World Health Organization
- An illustrated history of smallpox and its eradication
- International symposium examining the legacy of eradication

Accomplishments

Return on Investment
Cumulative return on investment is nearly 8:1, compared to all strategic plan funds spent.

Multidisciplinary Approach
All programs and opportunities have a multidisciplinary focus — everything from our student field experiences and case competitions to our faculty programs and grant recipients.

Faculty and Student Engagement
Annually, the EGHI involves an average of 200 faculty members from 26 departments in all nine schools. It supports nearly 1500 student global learning experiences including internships, theses, dissertations, and field experiences.

Generation of New Knowledge
602 peer reviewed publications, book chapters, or books in the last six years.

Our Global Reach
EGHI and our faculty and student grantees work with 184 partners in 87 countries.

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