Global Nursing Forum (GNF) Ambassador Award
Due: December 31, 2015

Application Requirements.

• Goal statement
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• GNF deliverables

Eligibility:

• Must be enrolled UCSF School of Nursing students (including Health Policy and Sociology) and in good standing
• Recipients will be awarded travel funds not to exceed $2,500 for global health projects with underserved populations in the US or LMIC. Funds will not be awarded for research projects without Human Subjects/UCSF CHR approval
• Recipients who have one or more years to complete their program may apply

Award Description:
The Global Nursing Forum (GNF) in collaboration with the UCSF School of Nursing Center for Global Health support the global health education and experience of UCSF School of Nursing (SON) students who display interest in global health, empowerment of nurses and working with underserved populations in resource-limited settings. GNF accomplishes this by creating an environment in which UCSF SON students and faculty can share knowledge and support the learning, empowerment and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference and improving the care of populations in the global community. The Global Health Center supports these efforts by funding UCSF SON students with travel expenses so they may pursue rotations and other global public health projects in underserved areas, both locally and internationally.

The GNF Ambassador Award, in the amount of $2,500, is contingent upon each student’s satisfactory participation in UCSF’s and GNF’s required pre-departure and return preparation and evaluation process developed by the GNF committee. Failure to actively participate in and complete the pre-departure and return preparation process can result in revocation or repayment of the award. The GNF Ambassador award applications are due December 31 and must be submitted at least 30 days before the date of travel. Students who apply for award funds on or after their date of travel/commencement of project will not be considered. Award recipients will be notified within 21 business days of application submission. Any further questions can be directed to Schola Matovu at Schola.Matovu@ucsf.edu or (415) 967-2646. Travel funds may not be deferred and must be used for the intended request listed on the application within the academic year. Students may not receive funding to destinations with a travel warning issued by the U.S. State Department. The GNF Ambassador award and certificate will be presented to the recipient during the GNF annual event after the Ambassador has returned from their work.

Goal statement

1. Write a 500 word, double spaced (not including references or appendices), 12-point typeface goal statement addressing the following areas that are key to the mission of GNF
and objectives:
   a. Definition and understanding of Global Health.
   b. Key global health issues of interest and their relationship to nursing research, education, or practice.
   c. Definition of underserved population and how the project will contribute to meeting the needs of this population.
   d. How the project will empower other nurses (in areas of practice, research, leadership, education, etc.) during and after the trip/placement.
   e. State the purpose in undertaking this global health project, including the professional goals, plans for the future, research conducted, and any other information that may aid the Committee in evaluating your preparation and commitment to nurses and underserved populations in the global community.

2. Please do not include any personal identifying information in the statement.
3. The statement must be presented in a scholarly manner.

Pre-departure Preparation:

Award recipient will be required to prepare a short presentation about their trip/project plan to the GNF committee/Awardee Committee Briefing as well as complete the UCSF Global Health Sciences pre-departure checklist.

GNF Deliverable Guidelines:

I. Upon return from your overseas or local site rotation, you are required to submit either a (1) Reflection Paper or (2) Blog post that will be posted on the GNF OrgSync site. Please see below, for the type of content to include in your posts/reflections:

For ALL global health experiences, both local and overseas, please respond to the following prompts:

1. What drew you to this global health experience?
2. Why did you select this global health rotation or project; the logistics of choosing a project, choosing a partner institution, finding a mentor, and scheduling time to go abroad should be included.
3. Short anecdotes from your trip/placement – how did you empower nurses and how were you empowered by them while at the global health setting?
4. Please highlight any challenges met during your project.
5. How do you think your global health project contributes to promoting population health?
6. What are your career aspirations and how does your global health trip/placement enhance those goals?
7. Compare the strengths and weaknesses in the healthcare system you observed and how the strengths might be integrated into the US system.
8. You may include photos from your trip but please note these must be HIPAA compliant.

II. Also upon return, awardee will be required to provide a brief presentation about their trip and global health experience at the annual GNF event.