Global and Public Health Internship Program
Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

Background

To strengthen and augment WCMC-Q’s relationship with the local and international community, the Department of Global and Public Health offers an innovative Internship Program for undergraduate students. Talented high school students who have exhibited a strong interest in health care are also considered. The proposed program introduces students to the basic core concepts of global and public health with a view to optimize their awareness and knowledge in these areas. The program is open to students from around the world.

Program Focus and Content

In this program students are introduced to basic information on health and disease. The program provides basic information and experience related to population health, research and clinical medicine. The experience provided will be commensurate with the student’s qualification and background.

The interns will attend lectures, engage in interactive discussions and visit relevant public health and clinical/hospital sites. The interns will also review literature on a topic of interest and write a report/paper/review prior to the culmination of the program.

Requirements for Admission to the Program

Students who meet the following criteria will be considered for the program.

1. Secondary School/High School Completion:
The equivalent of an American college preparatory education, including rigorous 'university preparatory' or Advanced mathematics, chemistry, biology, physics and other relevant subjects.

2. Student currently enrolled at an accredited college:
The student applicant should be in good academic standing.

3. Letters of Reference:
All applicants should submit a minimum of two letters of reference written by their teachers and their principals/college advisors.
4. English language facility
Students whose native language is not English, must submit proof of proficiency in English (e.g. TOEFL score report).

5. Personal Statement:
All applicants should submit a personal statement. The statement should address the student’s interest in and motivation for joining the global and public health internship program, career goals and his/her vision on how this internship program at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar will contribute to the student’s future career path.

Students interested in the program must submit the following by email to Dr. Sohaila Cheema, Director, Department of Global and Public Health, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (soc2005@qatar-med.cornell.edu):

a) Completed application form
b) Copy of passport
c) Copy of completed high school certificate
d) Most recent transcript / term report
e) Relevant copies of standardized tests if taken
f) Recommendation letters
g) Personal statement

Interviews will be granted to applicants whose credentials most closely meet our selection criteria. Interviews are required to help the internship program committee in selecting students suitable for the program.

Notification of Selection for Interns

Students will be notified by email if they have been selected for the program.

Upon acceptance into the program, interns must submit the following (as per the deadline provided in the email confirmation for selection):

a) Completed WCMC-Q Health and Immunization Forms.
b) Completed WCMC-Q Volunteer Request and Release Form.
c) Signed WCMC-Q Internship Reply Form.
d) Proof of valid health and emergency evacuation insurance coverage. The insurance coverage must include Qatar.

Program Duration

Program duration: 4 week internship (Internships shorter or longer in duration may be considered at the request of the applicant).
Internship period: July – August for a period of upto 4 weeks. Internship dates become available 3- 4 months prior to the start of the internship.

**Internship Costs**

All costs and arrangements related to travel including visa fee, accommodation, food, transport and general living expenses are the responsibility of the intern or their sponsoring institution. Appropriate assistance and guidance will be provided.

Interns who are not residents of Qatar must procure adequate health, medical, emergency care, and security evacuation insurance before arrival. All students should submit proof of valid insurance coverage on being accepted into the program. The insurance coverage must include Qatar.

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