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2016-2017 Annual Highlights

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Medical Student Support & Opportunities

- Supported 66 medical students traveling to 20 countries (Since 2008-2009 - Present: Supported 669 medical students)
- $44,500 awarded to 23 students in support of their international elective proposals
- 18 Students completed the Foundations of Global Health course
- Supported & funded 6 students to conduct infectious diseases research at 4 UNC international partner sites
- Sponsored broader global health support through: Research Ethics workshop, Pre-Departure Session, and Post-Travel Debriefing with faculty

OIA Global Health Forum

Global Health Forum Monthly Topics & Speakers include:
- Cervical Cancer: Case Study on Global Health Disparities - Carla Chibwesha, MD, MSc
- Surgery and Global Public Health - Anthony Charles, MD, MPH
- Primary Care for Displaced Persons: Experiences in Greece - Sonya Patel-Nguyen, MD
- Discovery science to field-ready serodiagnostics for Zika - Matthew Collins, MD, PhD
- Away Rotations to NIH Grants: Building Blocks for a Career in Global Health - Ross Boyce, MD, MSc
- Improving Neonatal Outcomes in Low Resource Settings through Education & Research - Carl Bose, MD
- Asthma in Latin America and Community Health Worker Screening for Asthma in Nicaragua - Mary Crocker, MD
- Where There Is No Doctor: Case Studies and Best Practices of Community Health Workers from India to Nicaragua - Nadeem Modan, MD, & Serena Zhou-Talbert, MD

Forum Speakers
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Cohort II: OIA Resident Global Health Scholars
(Two-year, competitive program with $8,000 funding to mentor & support residents/fellows)

Current OIA Global Health Scholars’ Proposals include:
(pictured below, starting from top left)

- **Amber Beg**: PEDS Resident- “Identifying barriers to care for asthma treatment and prevention”
- **Christina Cruz**: Fellow, Child & Adolescent Psych- “Task-shifting mental Health Services to Local Community Leaders and Teachers”
- **Erica Bjornstad**: Fellow Peds Nephrology & Epidemiology- “Acute Kidney Injury for Pediatric Trauma Patients”
- **Emily Ciccone**: Fellow- Adult Medicine ID- “Establishing Electronic Pediatric Database in Malawi”
- **Fan Lee**: Fellow-OB/GYN “Cervical Cancer Prevention in Malawi”
(pictured below, starting from bottom left)
- **Peyton Wilson**: Fellow- PEDS ID- “High Risk Hep. B infection in pregnant women in Democratic Republic of the Congo”
- **Steven Weinberg**: PEDS Resident- “Developing a Quality Improvement Guide in Ethiopia”
- **Kate Westmoreland**: Fellow-Peds Hem/Onc- “Focus on Pediatric Cancer Patients in Malawi”
- **Michael Dougherty**: Fellow- Gastroenterology & Hepatology- “Gastric Cancer in Nicaragua”

Visiting International Medical Student Program

- Since 2009, the OIA has enrolled 546 students in 790 clinical electives
- 2016-2017 Enrolled 80 students in 103 electives
- Awarded the UNC Partner site IVS scholarship to UNC Nicaragua medical student, Jairo Zambrana, who spent two months at UNC/H in Nephrology and Cardiology
- Implemented Professionalism Policy for IVS with UNC Legal Counsel

Resident Physician Support

- Supported 33 Residents traveling to 17 countries (5 YR Total= 145 residents to 37 countries)
- $22,500 awarded in travel awards spanning 7 residency departments
- OIA now collaborates with the GME office and Occupational Health Services to pay, monitor, and administer pre-international travel health vaccinations, on-site HIV PEP and treatment protocol for UNC/H residents traveling on approved GH electives internationally.
  - 29 Residents have received services since the initiation of this partnership.