

# GLOBAL HEALTH AND TRAVEL AWARDS

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## Alex W. Strasberg M.D.,C.M. 1921 and Harvey M. Weinstein M.D.,C.M. 1967 Global Health Award

Established in 2016 by Rhona Weinstein (née Strasberg), B.A.'67, M.A.'69, and Harvey M. Weinstein, B.Sc.'63, M.D.,C.M.'67, in honour of Rhona's late father, Alex W. Strasberg, M.D.,C.M. 1921 and Harvey M. Weinstein, M.D.,C.M.'67, both pioneers and advocates in clinical work and research related to vulnerable populations.

An immigrant to Canada, Dr. Strasberg was among the earliest Jewish students to graduate from McGill Medicine. He became a urologist on staff at the Jewish General Hospital and the Royal Victoria Hospital, conducted research, and taught in the Department of Urology at McGill. He devoted his practice to treating the poor and was for many years the physician of choice for many in the Montreal Chinese immigrant community.

Dr. Weinstein trained as a psychiatrist at Yale University and worked in university student health at Stanford University as well as in hospital and private practice settings. In later years he earned a public health degree from UC Berkeley and devoted his time to research and policy in refugee and immigrant health. Author of two books and numerous articles, he also became involved in human rights scholarship and advocacy about how countries respond to ethnic cleansing and genocide.

Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences upon recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs to provide support for undergraduate medical students or postgraduate residents in the Faculty who are engaged in global health research and/or clinical training related to immigrant, refugee, and aboriginal/indigenous populations, in Canada and abroad. Support may include funds for travel, housing, research, and/or clinical experiences. Preference will be given to projects of merit and projects with cross-disciplinary perspectives as well as faculty support.

Value: varies.

## Ambassador Paul Frazer Travel Award for Global Health

Established in 2015 by Paul Frazer, B.A.'70, to provide support for one or more graduate students in the Master of Science in Public Health program in the Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Occupational Health at McGill University, who are completing the practicum in under-resourced areas in the world. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences upon the recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs, and Director of the M.Sc.P.H. program.

Value: varies.

## The Ashworth Student Travel Award

Established by M. Anthony Ashworth, M.D.,C.M.'61 and family to honour the late Dorothy and William Ashworth of Montreal, the award(s) will support medical students conducting their elective clinical clerkship

in remote regions in Canada or in a developing country. As a result of his many trips to the James Bay region, Dr. Ashworth believed that practising with limited technology made the physician a better clinician. It is hoped that those who benefit from these awards make aid to underserved areas of the world a part of their future responsibility. Awarded by the Faculty Medicine and Health Sciences upon the recommendation of the Director of the Global Health Programs.

Value: varies.

## Bubbie and Nanny Global Health Travel Award

Established in 2015 by Michael Shevell, B.Sc.'80, M.D.,C.M.'84, in honor of his children's grandmothers, to provide travel support for post-graduate medical residents in either pediatrics or pediatric neurology within the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences who are pursuing an elective overseas in under-resourced areas in the world, or among underserved populations in Canada or for healthcare professionals involved in a McGill project overseas. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences upon recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs, the Pediatric Residency Program Directors and the Pediatric Neurology Residency.

Value: varies.

## Class of Medicine 1983 Global Health Scholar Award

Established in 2024 by the Class of Medicine 1983. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, upon the recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs, to one or more in-course graduate students who are enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at McGill University and who are involved in any global health project under the supervision of a Faculty member; or to one or more in-course undergraduate students who are enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at McGill University and who are involved in a local global health project under the supervision of a Faculty member.

Value: varies.

## Dr. Alice Benjamin Global Maternal and Child Health Award

To provide travel support and/or stipends for one or more outstanding students or trainees at McGill University who are pursuing an elective, research project or practicum focusing on reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health in a low- or middle-income country, in Northern Canada, or amongst underserved communities in Montreal. This award is open to medical residents, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students and undergraduate students enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. The minimum duration of travel/on-site work is two weeks. Following completion of travel, in addition to presenting their experience at GHP's Global Health Night event, the awardee is also required to present at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology's Grand Rounds. Awarded by FMHS upon recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs. Applicants from residents will also be reviewed by the program director for their respective residency program.

Value: varies.

### **Dr. Alice M. Chan-Yip Humanitarian Global Health Initiatives Award**

Established in 2022 by Alice M. Chan-Yip, C.M., M.D.,C.M.'62, FRCPC, FAAP, D.Sc. honoris causa 2018. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, upon the recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs and the Director of the School of Population and Global Health, to one or more undergraduate or graduate students in the School. This award may be used to help defray costs related to travel and research for students participating in health-focused emergency or humanitarian relief projects. Preference will be given to students engaging in nutrition or mental health focused research or intervention through fieldwork.

### **Dr. Freda M. Omaswa Travel Award for the Study of Infectious and Tropical Diseases**

Established in 2017 in memory of Freda M. Omaswa, M.D.,C.M.'08 by her classmates, family, friends, and colleagues. Freda was an inspirational human with an exceptional warmth and sincerity that drove her to always put the needs of others ahead of her own. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences upon the recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs to provide travel support for an M.D.,C.M. student travelling to Africa in order to gain experience in tropical and infectious diseases. Preference will be given to an M.D.,C.M. student travelling to Uganda.

Value: approximately \$3,000.

### **Dr. Kenneth Remsen Global Health Award**

Established in 2018 by Dr. Kenneth Alan Remsen, M.D.,C.M.'80, to provide travel support and/or stipends for one or more outstanding M.D.,C.M. students enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine who are participating in the Global Health Scholars program by undertaking a mentored global health project in an international setting, in Northern Canada, or from Montreal. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine upon recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs.

Value: varies.

### **Dr. Margaret Siber Global Health Scholar Award**

Established in 2017 by Dr. Margaret Siber, M.D.,C.M., '70, to provide travel support and/or stipends for one or more outstanding M.D.,C.M. students enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine who are participating in the Global Health Scholars program by undertaking a mentored global health project in an international setting, in Northern Canada, or from Montreal. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine upon recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs.

Value: approximately \$3,000.

### **Dr. Milan K. Sen Travel Award in Global Health Surgery**

Established in 2016 by Dr. Milan Sen, B.Sc.'94, M.D.,C.M.'98, to provide travel support for undergraduate medical students interested in global surgery within the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences who are pursuing an elective overseas in under-resourced areas in the world, or among underserved populations in Canada or the U.S. (e.g., Indigenous populations). Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences upon recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs in

consultation with the Centre for Global Surgery at the McGill University Health Centre.

Value: varies.

### **Dr. Stephen Corber Global Health Travel Award**

Established in 2019 by Stephen J. Corber, M.D.,C.M.'69, to provide travel and cost of living support to students or trainees enrolled in a degree or residency training program and pursuing a supervised Global Health placement (minimum 12 weeks). Placements should be located in a low- or lower middle-income country and focused on the practice of global health. Global Health Programs staff are available to assist students in identifying a practicum site. Research projects are not eligible for this award. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences upon recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs.

Value: varies.

### **Dr. Yuk Chan Ma and Dr. Yuen Kok Chan Prize in Multicultural and International Medicine**

Established in October 2006 by Dr. Alice Chan-Yip, M.D.,C.M.'62, in memory of her late parents. Awarded annually by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences' Scholarships Committee to a medical student who participates in a Canadian multicultural or international elective of at least four weeks. The prize will be awarded to the student who presents the best project demonstrating an understanding of the contribution of social and cultural factors to health.

Value: up to \$1,000.

### **Joseph I. Wolfsdorf Fund for Global Child Health**

The fund will provide travel support for undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students, and health care and allied professionals who are pursuing an elective or working on a global maternal and child health project at the University. Travel is expected to take place overseas in under-resourced areas of the world or underserved populations in Canada.

### **Leduc, Davis, Brun, & De Rito Undergraduate Award for Global Health**

Established in 2016 by Francine Davis, B.Phys.Ther.'69, B.Sc.(PT)'85, and continued by her sons, Stephan Leduc, B.A.'96, and Nicolas Leduc in 2021. In memory of, and gratitude, for the support of Jeanne Brun, Gisèle Brun and Tony De Rito. For outstanding undergraduate students at McGill University undertaking a mentored research project including an international component with McGill Global Health Programs, in the area of women's and girls' health. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences upon recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs.

Value: varies.

### **Luger-Mikelberg Travel Award for Global Health**

Established in 2017 by Sherry Luger, M.D.,C.M.'83 and Michael Mikelberg, to provide travel support for Health Sciences students who are pursuing an elective overseas in under-resourced areas in the

world, or among underserved populations in Canada. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences upon recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs. Preference will be given to students travelling to Africa and Rwanda or Indigenous communities in Canada.

Value: varies.

### **Margaret W. Siber M.D.,C.M. 1970 and George R. Siber M.D.,C.M. 1970 Global Health Scholar Award**

Established in 2020 by Margaret W. Siber, M.D.,C.M., '70, and George R. Siber, M.D.,C.M. '70, in honor of the 50th anniversary of their graduation, to inspire a passion for global health. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, upon the recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs, to students participating in the Global Health Scholars Program. This award provides support for one or more undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in the Faculty who are undertaking a mentored global health research and/or clinical training project internationally, among Indigenous communities in North America or in Montreal. Support may include funds for travel, housing, research, and/or clinical experiences.

### **Mary A. Metcalf International Travel Fund**

The Mary A. Metcalf International Travel Fund is designated to support the international research of undergraduate students, graduate students, and post-graduate medical residents within the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. Electives, research projects, or community service programs must be at least four weeks long. The fund's intent is to promote the training of health care workers and researchers to combat global health disparities, by supporting students seeking to work with underserved populations in resource-limited settings.

Value: varies.

### **Medicine Class of 1965 International Health Student Fund**

Established in May 2000 by the Medicine Class of 1965 in appreciation of the education they received at McGill. Funds will be used to allow medical students to pursue research or clinical electives overseas. One bursary will be awarded in each application round.

Value: varies.

### **Medical Class of '84 Student Bursary**

Established in 2010 by Medicine Class of 1984 to commemorate their 25th reunion, the award(s) will help support the travel and accommodation expenses of one or more senior medical students (year 3 or 4) pursuing an elective overseas in a developing country. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences upon the recommendation of the Director of the Global Health Programs. One bursary will be awarded in each application round.

Value: varies.

### **OMAF Travel Award**

The Osler Medical Aid Foundation (OMAF) awards are intended to support undergraduate medical students conducting service-learning or clinical electives in underserved communities both in Canada and overseas for a minimum duration of four weeks. Two scholarships of up to \$1,000 will be available in each application round, to support travel

and accommodation expenses. In keeping with OMAF's heritage as a student-driven scholarship initiative, a medical student will be included on the selection committee for these awards.

Value: varies.

### **Soe-Lin-Hecht Global Health Graduate Award**

Established in 2019 by Dr. Shan Soe-Lin, B.Sc.'03, Ph.D.'09, Dr. Robert Hecht, and Hla Hla Myint Soe-Lin. To provide support for one or more outstanding Master's students in the Faculty of Medicine and conducting research in public health or epidemiology. For students conducting research overseas in low or middle-income countries, or in an indigenous community in Canada. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine upon recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs.

Value: varies.

### **Soe-Lin-Hecht Global Health Scholar Undergraduate Award**

Established in 2019 by Dr. Shan Soe-Lin, B.Sc.'03, Ph.D.'09, Dr. Robert Hecht, and Hla Hla Myint Soe-Lin, in memory of Dr. Soe Lin, who was an ardent believer in the importance of using a good education to better the lot of humanity. To provide annual travel support and/or stipends for up to three outstanding undergraduate students who are participating in the Global Health Scholars program in the Faculty of Medicine. For students pursuing a mentored research project overseas in low or middle-income countries, or in an indigenous community in Canada. Preference will be given to students pursuing studies in Microbiology and Immunology. Awarded by the Faculty of Medicine upon recommendation of the Director of Global Health Programs.

Value: varies.