Global Health Program
Guidelines for Field Work Practicum Approval

All Global Health Minor (GH) participants are required to participate in fieldwork/practicum experience, which can be conducted as a faculty-sponsored research project, through a Study Abroad program, or as an internship with a community-based organization. While the site of your fieldwork may vary, it must be Global Health-related, meaning, it must engage with matters of global or local public health from a population-based, disease-prevention, cross-cultural, and/or health-promotion approach. The fieldwork requirement is designed to strengthen classroom learning, providing an opportunity for students to develop their skills in a real-world global or local public health environment.

Process for signing up for credits:

**STEP 1: Find a Placement**
Students are responsible for applying to GH-related field work opportunities. Students needing guidance and support to identify potential opportunities are encouraged to meet with Lanch McCormick, Director of Student Engagement within the Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagement (CURE). Students may also seek advice on field work placement with any member of the GH Advising team – GH Undergraduate Advisors, the GH Minor Program Director, the OCIAS Undergraduate Coordinator, and any GH Affiliated Faculty.

**STEP 2: Find a Faculty Supervisor**
Reach out to a GH Affiliated Faculty, requesting supervision of at least 4 credits of individualized study to be used for the GH Field Work requirement. When a faculty agrees to be a supervisor, the student will need to ask the faculty in which department are comfortable supervising individualized study (e.g. INTL, PSY, HYPH, etc.).

**STEP 3: Complete the GH Field Work Pre-Authorization Form**
Complete the GH Field Work Practicum Pre-Authorization form with a faculty supervisor. Return the completed form to the OCIAS Undergraduate Coordinator in PLC 175 by Week 8 of the term the credits will be completed.

**STEP 4: Register for Individualized Study Credits**
Follow the individualized study registration process for the department in which the credits will be earned with the faculty supervisor (typically due before the end of Week 1 of the term seeking credit).

*NOTE: All GH students are allowed seek individualized study credits for INTL 406 (international internships) and INTL 409 (domestic internships)*

**Step 5: Complete Field Work Placement**

**Step 6: Send Notification of Field Work Completion**
When the individualized study credits have received a “Pass,” email the OCIAS Undergraduate Coordinator that you have completed the credits. Field placements will not be marked as complete on the student’s degree audit until 2 weeks after the term in which they notify the Undergraduate Coordinator.

*Students are encouraged to complete steps 3 & 4 during the same meeting with their faculty supervisor.*
Proposing a Field Work/Practicum Site

The sites will be considered and approved on a case-by-case basis. Examples of fieldwork opportunities can be found on the GH Program website (see URL below). When proposing a fieldwork experience, consider the following:

1. The work that you will be doing needs to be a global health related position. Students may seek out a local, national, or international public or private (NGO) organization at which to conduct their internship/field experience. Alternatively, the field experience/internship could also consist of research conducted under a UO faculty member’s supervision. For our program, “Global Health” means considering matters of health, illness and/or disease from a global, cross-cultural, public, and/or population-level perspective. Therefore, the GH Minor experience/internship may be conducted in Oregon, the U.S., or anywhere around the world.

2. You must have an on-site supervisor who is experienced and qualified in their line of work, and they must be willing to help you set learning objectives, and provide training/support/supervision. The on-site supervisor must be willing to commit to a set number of regular supervision hours before the start of the internship and be able to sign off on your practicum hours.

3. You must have a UO faculty member who will serve as a fieldwork supervisor and administer the Pass/No pass grade for the required independent study credits associated with the internship – 4 credits required.

4. You must be able to work at least 120 hours, in order to meet the minimum hours required for a 4-credit course. This can be spread out over multiple terms or completed in one term. Registration for these credits should be done within the term of the internship itself, but can also be done cumulatively at the end of the internship.

5. Since you are registering to receive credit for the experience, you are not eligible to be paid for any on-campus internships or research positions. However, you are allowed to accept paid internships off campus.

URL Resources: https://ghprogram.uoregon.edu/internships-opportunities/