FAQ’s

Application Process

Who is eligible to apply to the Institute’s summer programs?
Any returning Harvard undergraduate in good standing is eligible for the programs.

When are the application deadlines?
Applications for Harvard faculty-mentored programs are due February 2, 2014. Independent Research and Internship funding applications are due February 15, 2014.

What supplemental materials are required?
Applications will require one recommendation from a Harvard affiliate (instructor is preferable, but an adviser or proctor/tutor is acceptable), a personal statement, resume, and copy of your undergraduate transcript. If you are applying for independent funding, you will also need to submit a budget.

How should letters of recommendation be submitted?
Your recommender can submit your letter of recommendation via e-mail (globalhealtheducation@harvard.edu) or by mail to Hasmik Sargsyan, Harvard Global Health Institute, 104 Mt. Auburn St. 3rd Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Can you apply to more than one HGHI site?
Yes, you may apply to up to 3 sites. Please submit a separate application for each site.

Can I intern at the same site for more than one summer? Can I apply to a site to which I was not accepted in previous years?
Yes, you may participate at the same site more than once, and you may apply to a program to which you have applied in previous years.

Is the Young Leaders in Global Health workshop series mandatory?
The Young Leaders in Global Health training workshop (January 22-24, 2014) series is not mandatory for the application process, however, we feel the material covered in important for global health practitioners, and strongly encourage you to attend. Preference will be given to students who have attended the workshop.

What is the deadline to enroll in the Young Leaders in Global Health Workshop series?
The deadline to enroll in the workshop has been extended to December 20th. You may enroll [here].

Are there any language requirements?
English is the language of operation at most HGHI sites, however some sites may have a preference for knowledge of the local language; the Brazil sites require conversational to advanced Portuguese.
Are the programs competitive?
Application numbers vary from site to site and year to year. We encourage you to apply to the programs in which you are most interested.

General

What is the difference between HGHI on-campus sites and PRISE?
PRISE accepts disciplines in science and engineering, and has a program focus on career development. HGHI sites can be in any discipline, and the program focus is in global health topics. Students can participate in both PRISE and HGHI programs, but must apply to each program separately.

Does the Global Health Institute have any J-term activities?
Yes! This year the Young Leaders for Global Health workshop will take place January 22-24th, 2014. In order to be effective in a multi-disciplinary, cross-cultural field like global health, practitioners must have the skills to work effective in a complex environment on problems that do not honor borders or disciplines. HGHI’s Young Leaders for Global Health workshop series offers students the chance to think more broadly about their role in global health solutions. This 3-day Winter session provides students with practical leadership preparation and skill-building exercises, student-driven curriculum, and peer-to-peer networking opportunities. Topics will include:

- Human rights and health and preserving human dignity;
- Building and working within partnerships;
- The effects of bias on effectiveness of programs and research; and,
- Understanding ethical challenges.

The workshop will culminate with a student-driven simulation of a real-world global health issue to bring all the concepts from days 1 and 2 together.

Space is limited, but there are still spots available! Sign up before December 20, 2013.

Please note: students applying for HGHI summer programs or funding are strongly encouraged to attend, and workshop attendees will be given preference in the application process.