

# USF COLLEGE OF MEDICINE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



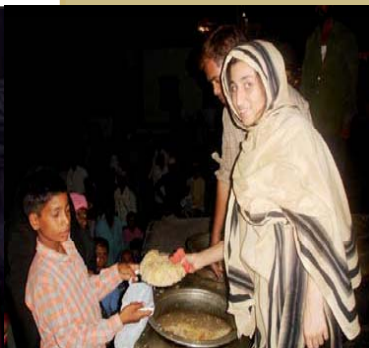
## Vision

Improve global healthcare.

## Mission

Enhance global health care, through innovation and excellence in collaborative biomedical research, medical education and clinical practice.

## A World of Opportunities for Medical Students



The Office of International Affairs for the USF Health College of Medicine was established in 2005 in response to the growing international need for collaborative research, education and training, and exchange of state of the art medical techniques and procedures. Our office also provides support for College of Medicine faculty and students in international research and scholarship activities.

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### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

“An interdisciplinary student health organization, the International Health Service Collaborative (IHSC), worked in collaboration with the Peace Corps to facilitate community projects in the Dominican Republic. Students from the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Public Health worked on constructing ventilated improved pit latrines and building chicken coops. Our visit illuminated the vast need for health professionals in all disciplines to actively participate in health projects to help close health disparities. This trip introduced us to many families experiencing these disparities.”

*-Kim Le MSII and Jane Mai MSII*

### INDIA:

“My experience in a public hospital in Mumbai, India allowed me to more fully understand transmission dynamics of HIV, as well as personally witness its far-reaching social and psychological impact. Although my goal was to identify depressive symptomatology among these women, I also saw a strong will to live life and function normally in spite of facing such adversity. I am truly grateful that I was given the opportunity to interact with and learn from this patient population.”

*-Salma Pothiawala, MSIII*

“I thoroughly enjoyed my experience in India. Not only was I able to experience a completely different culture but I was also able to enjoy a different clinical atmosphere. While working with Dr. Patel in his infectious disease clinic I was able to see many clinical presentations of diseases not commonly seen in the US. The mentoring provided to me through the International Program and from Dr. Patel was invaluable. The research mentoring was second to none.”

*-Danish Ahmad, MSII*

### PERU:

“I spent three weeks in Cusco, Peru, working at an indigent clinic and hiking through the mountains giving yellow fever vaccines. I then traveled to Lima and taught CPR, life guarding, and First Aid classes with the Peruvian Lifesaving Association. On my return with two other colleagues, we trained more than 200 lifeguards to increase awareness of the international drowning crisis. I believe that health and wellness are inalienable rights that sadly, are unavailable to many in our global community. The world is shrinking and medicine offers us a chance to look beyond borders and provide the hope of treatment to our fellow man.”

*-Justin Sempstrott, MSII*



## Office of International Affairs | College of Medicine: At A Glance

As the nation's twelfth largest university, USF serves a culturally and linguistically diverse metropolitan area that has long-standing ties to the Caribbean and Latin America as well as growing interests in India, China, Africa and other parts of the world. The College of Medicine Office of International Affairs has established the following partnerships with academic institutions, governmental, and non-governmental organizations abroad:

### Dominican Republic

- Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo, School of Medicine
- Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña, School of Medicine
- The Doctor Salvador B. Gautier Hospital
- Policlinico La Vega S. A.

"While working with physicians and medical students in Santo Domingo hospitals and clinics, I developed a deeper understanding of the challenges faced in confronting HIV/AIDS in the Dominican Republic."

-Kristin Houseknecht, MSIII

### India

- The Directorate of Medical Education and Research, Government of Maharashtra

- Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, Mysore
  - Kripa Foundation, Vasai
  - Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune
  - Infectious Disease Clinic, Gujarat
  - Y.R. Gaitonde Center for AIDS Research and Education, Chennai, India
  - Medical College Baroda and Sir Sayajirao General Hospital, Gujarat
- Investigators from the Colleges of Medicine, Public Health and Baroda Medical College are working collaboratively to build the capacity of India in the area of Adolescent HIV Research and Training through the Fogarty award.

### China

- Shanghai Jiao Tong University, School of Medicine

### South Korea

- Yeungnam University

### Thailand

- Srinakharinwirot University

USF is one of the ten Research universities working with the American Council on Education to develop a comprehensive international dimension to its teaching, research, and service missions. USF serves as a valuable resource to government, business and the professions in the community and region, as well as around the world.

*"The Office of International Affairs warmly welcomes student involvement. Please feel free to contact us at any time."*

-John Sinnott, MD, FACP