

The ***International Health Research Program*** is administered by Dr. Pierce Gardner, Consultant to the Clinical Research and Training Program at the Fogarty International Center, National Institute of Health. His assistant, Jennifer Kowalewski, administers the program. Program policies and awards are determined by a steering committee composed of faculty and students.

The [application form](#) for students seeking research support must be completed and submitted by October 1st or April 1st for consideration in the next funding cycle. The following grounds rules apply:

1. The student must have a Stony Brook faculty member to serve as a “domestic” advisor with whom he or she develops a research proposal for a project abroad. (Preference will be given to projects in developing countries.)
2. The applicant is responsible for finding an appropriate onsite mentor in the foreign country in which he/she plans to do the project.
3. The application process (see attached) involves letters of support from the Stony Brook mentor and the onsite mentor as well as a description of the research project and a brief personal statement.
4. Students must be in good academic standing to receive funding and must remain in good standing during the project. Students not in good standing may apply, but their academic difficulties may be considered by the awards committee.
5. The selection committee will consider applications in October and April each year. The minimum period is two months and the maximum period of support is six months.
6. With prior approval from their academic advisor and prior approval of the OME, fourth year students may receive up to three months elective time credit for their research project.
7. Students must submit a budget and funds are subject to the following constraints:
 - a. Travel expenses will be reimbursed at the lowest available rate and generally cannot exceed \$1600. Expenses in the foreign country are limited to \$500 a month for room, board, and essential grant related costs.
 - b. Costs of health insurance, inoculations or ancillary trip expenses are cannot be covered.
 - c. The funds are only available to reimburse actual expenses for which appropriate receipts or other evidence is submitted. Advances of funds are not possible.
 - d. Reimbursement will generally be made only after the student has completed the travel and submitted a draft report of the trip.
 - e. Students will be reimbursed only after submitting proof that their research has been approved by the CORIHS committee or that the CORIHS committee has agreed that approval is not necessary.
8. The awardees are responsible for making their own housing and travel arrangements.

9. Stony Brook is unable to provide liability insurance for this activity and students will be required to sign a waiver as a condition of the award.