OVERVIEW

This unique 2-year fellowship program is a joint project of the Department of Family Medicine at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University/Kent Hospital of Rhode Island and two leading federally-funded Community Health Centers in Rhode Island (Thundermist Health Center and Blackstone Valley Community Health Center). Since family physicians pursuing careers in global health are often called upon to provide direct clinical care, teaching and leadership in underserved communities, this fellowship is specifically designed to equip family physicians with the additional skills necessary to meet these needs.

PROGRAM GOALS

This fellowship prepares family physicians for careers in global health by providing:

- 2-3 months/year of on-the-ground experience in a global setting (Kenya and Mexico are main sites) needed to better meet the needs of patients in underserved communities globally
- Training and mentoring in teaching skills for a variety of settings and learners
- Training and mentoring in curriculum design and educational scholarship
- Advanced maternal child health skills for those wishing to pursue a joint global health and maternal child health fellowship
- Advanced public health training for those wishing to pursue a Masters in Public Health from Brown University

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of an accredited family medicine residency program in the US.
- Board eligible or board certified in FM
- Selected fellows must obtain medical licensure in the State of Rhode Island.
- The Fellowship typically extends from August 1st to July 31st.

TO APPLY FOR THE FELLOWSHIP

- Please send a curriculum vitae, (including a list of Global and OB experience if applying for joint fellowship), a personal statement and three letters of recommendation (one from your Program/Residency Director).
- Applications to joint Global MCH Fellowship should also be sent to MCH Fellowship Director Susanna Magee.
  Susannamagee@gmail.com

Selected applicants will be invited for an on-site interview.

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BROWN FAMILY MEDICINE

GLOBAL HEALTH FACULTY DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP
FAMILY MEDICINE DEPARTMENT
GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

KENYA: Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) & Moi University FM Program
The FM Dept is involved in faculty development and research mentorship for Kenyan-trained FM residents and faculty through the AMPATH consortium. The collaboration is built on a tripartite mission of care, education, and research focused on improving the care people receive in Kenya. Fellows are provided the opportunity to collaborate with FM faculty and residents through clinical and research experiences in rural western Kenya.
http://brownmedicine.org/kenya/
Faculty: Daria Szkwarsk, DO, MPH, and Fadya El Rayess, MD, MPH

MEXICO: Compañeros En Salud
This organization serves 10 rural clinics and the maternity ward of a local hospital in the Sierra Madre region of Chiapas. CES clinics, partnered with the Ministry of Health, provide healthcare to people in one of the most marginalized regions in Chiapas. They also provide training and support to doctors and nurses during their year of social service. Residents and fellows can get involved through mentorship and clinical tutoring.
https://compansionesalud.mx/
Faculty: Chelsea Graham, DO

PROVIDENCE, RI: Clinica Esperanza
Providing free, high quality medical care to uninsured adults living in Rhode Island. Offers culturally sensitive, personalized care with bilingual staff that speak Spanish, French, Arabic, and Portuguese Creole. www.aplacetobehealthy.org/
Faculty: Fadya El Rayess, MD, MPH

ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF THE ONE YEAR PROGRAM

Primary Care of Underserved and Immigrant Communities in the US at Thundermist Health Center (FQHC) or Blackstone Valley Community Health Care (FQHC)

Faculty Development includes resident and medical student teaching in a variety of settings including precepting in the FM resident/faculty clinic, inpatient attending rounds, small group teaching, lecture and curriculum design. This experience is observed and mentored by experienced faculty.

Advanced Clinical Skills for global underserved settings. Training builds on fellows’ existing skills and includes: tropical medicine; HIV; TB; basic radiology & ultrasound; outpatient orthopedic, reproductive health & minor surgical procedures. The joint global health MCH fellowship provides additional maternal child and operative obstetric skills.

Seminar Series covering core global health topics including communicable & non-communicable diseases; international health care systems; teaching methods; curriculum development & evaluation; scholarly skills; and leadership skills. Fellows also collaborate with residents, fellows and faculty of the Brown Residency International/Global Pathway Health Training (BRIGHT) Program. www.brown.edu/academics/medical/bright/

Research: Opportunities for research locally and globally include grant writing, implementation science, data analysis, and dissemination. Fellows will complete and present a scholarly project at a national or international conference during their fellowship.

SALARY, BENEFITS, AND CLINICAL SITES

Annual salary: PGY4 or PGY5 salary, approximately $64,000.
Benefits: medical, disability, malpractice and life insurance. Includes 4 weeks paid time off and 1 week of CME. Length of time for international work is about 2-3mo/yr and fellowship (GH or GHMCH).

CLINICAL SITES

BROWN FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY
https://www.brown.edu/academics/medical/about/departments/family-medicine/education/residency-program

THUNDERMIST HEALTH CENTER is a community health center with three sites in Rhode Island. The West Warwick office is the site for the Global Health Faculty Development Fellowship and the Woonsocket office is the site for the Global Health Maternal Child Fellowship. www.thundermisthealth.org

BLACKSTONE VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE is a federally qualified health center proudly serving a multi-cultural community with seven sites in Pawtucket and Central Falls. In addition to primary care and express health services, BVCHC offers various supportive and specialty services such as women’s care, integrated behavioral health, dental, optometry and community health workers. Over 30% of the patients speak Spanish, Creole or Portuguese as their primary language. www.bvchc.org