

Global Engagement Planning Guide for Students

Thinking about a travel experience to supplement your training as a CVM student?

Maybe you've heard about classmates who spent a summer abroad, completed an externship, or did service-learning work with support from the Global Engagement Program.

Where to Begin?

Dream

Start by reflecting on what kind of experience you're drawn to. Is there a country or region you've always wanted to visit? A type of clinical experience, research question, or service-learning project you'd like to pursue? Perhaps you've heard about another student's successful trip, and you want to explore it for yourself?

Research

General Info: The Global Engagement Program's webpage is your best starting point for opportunities, resources, and funding sources for educational experiences: go.osu.edu/cvmglobal

Previous Students: Read about past funded experiences — from wildlife medicine in Australia to sled-dog races in Alaska to small animal practice in India — on the program blog: u.osu.edu/cvmglobal. Seeing what others have done (and where) is a great way to spark ideas of your own.

Apply

The Global Engagement Program offers two types of travel awards to help students build technical skills and cultural competency through immersive experiences abroad or at home. Make sure you're aware of their eligibility criteria and deadlines and apply for the one that best fits your plans.

Two Award Tracks

 Domestic Award Who: Full-time DVM students What: Clinically oriented experiences within the U.S. Deadline: Applications reviewed quarterly; recommend submitting four (4) months before your trip for full consideration	 Global Award Who: CVM graduate & professional students (DVM, MS, PhD, MPH-VPH) What: Research, clinical training, service learning, or other applied One Health experiences anywhere in the world (minimum 1 week duration) Deadlines: Applications reviewed once per semester (Autumn, Spring)
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Funding

Awards generally range from \$500–\$5,000 but depend on available funding, number of applications received, and quality of proposal. **Budgets should reflect eligible travel expenses only**, such as transportation, food, lodging, and travel-related vaccines or medications not covered by insurance. International trips may also include a budget line for supplemental health and safety insurance through the Office of International Affairs. Ineligible expenses include gifts for hosts, course fees, research/clinical materials, or durable goods such as clothing/equipment.

Eligibility (both award tracks)

- Good academic standing, full-time student
- Travel should not conflict with regular academic courses
- Demonstration of adequate planning and on-site mentorship

Global Award – *International Destination*:

- Successful completion of a for-credit pre-departure preparation course, such as VETPREV 7760 (Opportunities in Global Veterinary Medicine and Public Health), VETBIOS 7802 (International Veterinary Medicine Experience), or the not-for-credit asynchronous (CarmenCanvas) modules
- [Travel registration](#) and approval through the Office of International Affairs
- Enrolment in supplemental international health and security insurance
- Destinations with a U.S. State Department Travel Advisory Level 3 or above require additional justification and may not be approved

Talk to the Experts

You don't have to plan this alone. Talking with program staff can help you refine your idea, identify potential mentors, and avoid common pitfalls.

Contact: Email CVM-GlobalEngagement@osu.edu with any questions or reach out to Dr. Amanda Berrian (berrian.4@osu.edu) to set up a planning meeting.

Plan Ahead: Example Timeline

Every trip and application timeline looks a little different, but here's a general roadmap for planning an experience:

4–6 Months Out	~4 Months Out	After Award	Post-Trip
- Brainstorm ideas - Review past funded trips - Identify possible mentors/sites - Contact Global Engagement Program for help	- Determine/fulfill funding eligibility requirements - Submit funding application - Finalize trip plan with mentor and on-site host	- Determine best funding mechanism (scholarship vs. reimbursement) - Sign letter of award - Finalize travel arrangements - Take your trip!	- Submit trip summary/blog post - Share 2+ photos - Present at a global engagement event

Ready to Apply?

Domestic Award: [Submit Application](#)

Global Award: [Submit Application](#)