

## **Post-Bachelor Fellowship Program**

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington is now accepting applications for the Post-Bachelor Fellowship Program for the 2008-2009 academic year.

The Post-Bachelor Fellowship (PBF) Program provides a unique opportunity for recent college graduates with strong quantitative skills to train with faculty and senior researchers on a variety of global health projects. The PBF program combines advanced on-the-job training and mentoring, and provides the option of pursuing a fully-funded Masters of Public Health (MPH). Through research, training workshops, coursework and field experience in developing countries, the PBF program aims to produce the next generation of scholars and leaders in global health measurement and evaluation.

The majority of the graduates of the PBF program pursue academic or professional careers in global health. The PBF program equips them with knowledge of current global health challenges, aptitude in applying and developing sophisticated analytical methods, and an appreciation of the critical role of sound evidence in health policy making.

Through close mentorship and advising, PBFs develop strong analytic skills and receive in-depth exposure to the quantitative methods used in global health research. Fellows train in every aspect of these projects, including building statistical models, writing statistical code, analyzing large datasets, and preparing presentations for conferences and manuscripts for publication.

The PBF Program involves a minimum of a two-year commitment commencing with training and orientation in early September. PBFs have the option of pursuing a fully-funded MPH in Global Health, starting the MPH in the second year of the fellowship. PBFs who pursue the MPH take three years to complete the program. Fellows receive a monthly stipend of \$2,667.00 as well as access to medical benefits, libraries, and recreation facilities at the University of Washington.

Applicants who are also considering pursuing an MD must be able to make a minimum of a two-year commitment to the PBF program. International students graduating from U.S. Institutions must have a complete 12 months of OPT (Optional Practical Training) time available on their student (F1) visa to be considered.

### **2008-2009 Fellowship Application Information**

Basic Requirements: Bachelor's Degree and proven quantitative and analytical skills. High academic potential and a strong interest in pursuing academic or professional careers related to global health. No background in global health or related field is required.

Application Requirements:

The following non-returnable materials must be submitted by January 31, 2008:

- Resume (2 page limit)
- Official copy of academic transcript
- One letter of reference from a professor/professional familiar with your coursework or research
- Brief personal statement (500 word max.) on how your skills, experience and long term career goals contribute to your candidacy.

How to submit your application:

Complete applications can be mailed to:

Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation

University of Washington

Attn: PBF program

1616 Eastlake Ave East, Suite 300

Seattle, WA 98102

Resumes and personal statements may be emailed to:

[pbfs@healthmetricsandevaluation.org](mailto:pbfs@healthmetricsandevaluation.org)

Applications will only be considered once all materials have been received.

Application Review and Selection Process

All submitted application materials for the 2008-2009 academic year will be reviewed by a team of faculty, senior researchers and administrators. Notification will be made in February to those selected to interview for the program. These candidates will interview, either in person or via telephone, in March. Fellowships will be awarded by March 31st.

More information about the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation can be found at:

<http://www.healthmetricsandevaluation.org/>

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