



ORYEMA FELLOWSHIP IN SOCIAL MEDICINE

SocMed announces a call for applications for the Oryema Fellowship in Social Medicine. Named in honor of Oryema Patrick, a nurse dedicated to equitable health care delivery in Northern Uganda who died in 2011, the fellowship aims to mentor, inspire, and challenge practitioners of social medicine through an at least one year-long endeavor in the coordination and implementation of social medicine education.

Timeframe

- Call for Applications – June 7th, 2019
- Closing date – July 5th, 2019
- Candidate Interviews will be conducted between in mid-July 2019 with a final decision by August 1st, 2019.
- Fellowship runs from August 15th, 2019 to August 15th, 2020 (possibly longer given that SMC annual gathering will be in Uganda in October 2020)

Qualifications/Eligibility

- Minimum BA/BS degree; Advanced study in medicine, public health, anthropology, and/or sociology preferred.
- Overseas experience, particularly in resource-poor settings
- Leadership, communication, problem-solving skills
- Flexible and open-minded in new and sometimes challenging environments
- Minimum in-country time in Uganda from approximately December 28th, 2019 to January 30th, 2020
- Minimum commitment of 15-20 hours per week
- While not absolutely required, the ideal candidate would have geographic connections to Minnesota given that the organization and some of its activities are based in Minnesota, especially from August 15th, 2019 through December 15th, 2019

Roles and Responsibilities

- Roles and responsibilities of the fellow will be primarily connected to the following core activities:
 - SocMed/Center for Global Health and Social Responsibility (CGHSR) Twin Cities Fall 2019 Course
 - UMN Undergraduate Grand Challenges Advancing Health Equity Course – Fall 2019 Course
 - SocMed Uganda 2020 Course
 - Annual Social Medicine Consortium Conference (next one will be October 2020 in Uganda)
- The set of roles and responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:



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- Participating in research related to teaching/learning of the course including proposal development, data collection, analysis, and writing of manuscripts
- Serving as SocMed ambassador in Uganda and US through outreach, meetings, casual encounters, as well as serving as a liaison with students from the University of Minnesota, and Gulu, Mbarara, and Makerere University in Uganda.
- Supporting lecture development and managing community visits
- Developing and facilitating course sessions
- Participating in outreach and recruitment for student participants globally
- Organizing fundraising initiatives for SocMed
- Arranging course speakers and developing relationships with potential new course speakers and clinicians
- Regularly updating SocMed website
- Providing logistical support (regular communication with admitted students; coordinating travel plans of international students, work with caterer, organizing in-country transport, organizing printing of course reader, student housing, etc)
- Regular communication with course directors

The ideal specific responsibilities for this fellowship would vary with the level of training of the fellow. We are committed to ensuring the fellow receives quality mentorship throughout the year to accommodate her/his/their personal and professional goals/objectives. We are not only committed to see that the fellow serves a critical role in ensuring the smooth implementation of a social medicine curriculum, but also achieve an immersive experience in global health.

Since SocMed is a grassroots organization operating with very limited funds, the Oryema Fellowship is, unfortunately, not currently a funded position. SocMed is, however, typically able to cover airfare to/from Uganda and does offer a modest stipend for living expenses incurred while in Uganda, full room/board for the month of the course, and reimbursement for in-country travel and other expenses incurred while attending to the responsibilities of the fellowship. In addition, we are typically able to offer a modest monthly stipend (\$250-500/month) subject to agreement prior to the start of the fellowship. We are unable to cover insurance and living expenses outside of Uganda as well as expenses associated with travel documents, medical services, or recommended immunizations.

If you are interested in the Oryema Fellowship, please send a detailed letter of interest, a copy of your CV, and a letter of recommendation to socmedglobal@gmail.com by July 5th, 2019. The letter of recommendation should be sent directly from the recommender and should assess the candidate's academic and practice interests, leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills as well as his/her capacity to adapt to new environments. Competitive candidates will be offered interviews.



All queries related to the fellowship and/or application process may also be directed to that same email address.

Thank you in advance for your interest in the Oryema Fellowship!

In the struggle for health equity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Westerhaus".

Michael Westerhaus, MD, MA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Finnegan".

Amy Finnegan, PhD

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Owilli Alex Olirus".

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