



HEALTHWORKS COLLABORATIVE

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HealthWorks Collaborative Global Health Volunteer Fellows Program

HealthWorks Collaborative (HWC) is seeking Spanish-speaking public health graduate students with an interest in clean water and sanitation to spend four to six weeks in Jinotega, Nicaragua during the summer of 2018.

Esperanza (<http://www.esperanca.org/>) and their non-profit local Nicaraguan partner, AVODEC (<http://www.avodec.brightnewideas.org/>), will host the fellows. AVODEC stands for Asociacion de Voluntarios para el Desarrollo or Association of Volunteers for Community Development. In cooperation with international organizations, AVODEC works with more than 150 communities in different municipalities on issues such as alleviating poverty, health problems, agriculture, housing, energy, environment, clean water and sanitation.

Students may enter with a proposed practicum or research project, but need to anticipate allocating at least 25% of time to AVODEC priority projects (e.g., conducting community needs assessment, water testing, training community members how to conduct water testing, educating communities regarding water supply, planning and facilitating workshops). Students without a proposed practicum or research project will work 100% of time on AVODEC priority projects.

Funding up to the amount of \$3,000 USD will be awarded to cover the majority of expenses associated with the student's roundtrip airfare, lodging and meals. Selected students will be required to submit a report to HWC upon completion of the volunteer fellowship.

Eligibility Requirements

- Nominations from faculty must be submitted no later than February 23, 2018 to HWC Executive Director, Brenda Mike, at brenda@healthworkscollaborative.org
- Nominations of students from the following universities are currently being accepted for summer 2018:
 - George Washington University
 - University of Arizona
 - University of South Carolina
 - University of California at Berkeley
- At the time of nomination, students must be completing the first year of graduate studies (i.e., summer 2018 would fall between first and second year of a two-year graduate program) in a field related to public health and have an interest in water and sanitation
- Students must have advanced Spanish skills
- Meet the 'General Health Criteria for HWC Volunteers' (available separately)
- Students must have their own health insurance (medical evacuation insurance will be provided) and are responsible for covering the costs of any required immunizations and/or medications
- Students are responsible for obtaining travel documents and covering passport/visa fees

To seek nomination from your department, please submit the following:

- Full name and email address
- Name of University and Department
- Degree being sought and year of graduate school (e.g., first year, second year)
- Proposed dates for Jinotega trip (four to six weeks between May and August 2018); *note that HWC tries to align dates of multiple fellows*
- Spanish fluency level (must be either advanced or bilingual)
- Prior international travel experience (location, length of stay, in what capacity)
- One paragraph explaining interest and background in water and sanitation (e.g., previous volunteer experiences, coursework)
- One page outlining proposed practicum and/or research project, including whether the experience would fulfill any graduation requirements
 - If you have your own proposed practicum and/or research project, would you also be willing to work 25% of time on AVODEC projects?
 - Alternatively, if you would prefer to work on an AVODEC project, simply state that you are willing to work full-time on AVODEC priority projects (i.e., no need to submit a one-page proposal)
- Resume

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