

# FAQs

## Who can apply?

Any SPH student is eligible. Student needs to be maintaining passing grades (B or better). Virtually all students receive funding to do a summer internship in the summer between their first and second years. We occasionally also support doctoral students who haven't yet developed a topic and need a pre-dissertation visit.

## What is the selection process?

We don't look at financial aid or grades, although a student needs to be maintaining passing grades. We try to award as many students as possible. For CHS, they need to have their scope of work for the internship pre-approved by Dr. Alina Dorian. They have to intend to be overseas for at least 10 weeks. Can go to any country they desire, including country of origin. For L. America, they need to be able to work in Spanish (or Portuguese if Brazil); similar for Francophone Africa (need French). For Anglophone Africa, S. Asia, E. Asia, English can be sufficient. Student must also have a clear scope of work, feasible, with a preceptor in the foreign country who has at least a master's degree.

## How many applicants do we have per year and what percentage actually gets funding?

Varies enormously, from 6 to 22. We try to fund all that meet the basic requirements.

## How are the amounts determined?

We ask students to submit budgets, with a ceiling of about \$4000. We usually fund Africa/Asia around \$4000 because of cost of airfare; we usually give considerably less to those going to Latin America or Mexico (e.g., \$2500 or so).

## Who selects the candidates?

Profs: Charlotte Neumann, Anne Pebley, and Paula Tavrow

## Are only international or also local internships sponsored?

Yes, only international.

## How is it determined who gets the Bixby and who gets the Neumann-Drabkin money?

If a student is doing a family planning internship, s/he will get Bixby only. If it is completely unrelated to reproductive health (e.g., diabetes, child nutrition, aging) it would be Neumann-Drabkin only. CHS department also gets priority attention from N-D. Most interns get some money from each group (about half and half) so that they get the amount they need—for Africa, as an example, around \$4000 or a little more.