

CALL FOR STUDENT AMBASSADORS IN WOMEN'S HEALTH, GENDER, AND EMPOWERMENT

The University of California Global Health Institute's Women's Health, Gender, and Empowerment Center of Expertise is launching a Student Ambassador Program and looking for applicants for the 2017-18 academic year!

Women's Health, Gender and Empowerment Center of Expertise

The Women's Health, Gender and Empowerment (WHGE) Center of Expertise (COE) is part of the University of California Global Health Institute (<http://ucghi.universityofcalifornia.edu/coes/womens-health/index.aspx>). We envision a world in which all women and girls are empowered and healthy. Our mission is to promote justice, equity and scientific advances to reduce gender and health disparities globally. Grounded in human rights principles, our approach is interdisciplinary and transformative. Through innovative research, education and international collaboration, we build and strengthen the capacity of the next generation of leaders in women's health and empowerment. Our core activities focus on assuring safe motherhood, reducing violence against women, improving access to family planning and reproductive technologies, advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights, preventing HIV/AIDS, and reducing environmental threats to women's health.

The WHGE-COE Student Ambassador Program

This leadership opportunity is for all students (i.e., undergraduate, graduate, medical, nursing, law, etc.) who are dedicated to personal and professional growth by serving and representing their respective UC campuses. WHGE-COE Student Ambassadors will develop, implement and lead organizing plans at their UC campus. Each plan will be based on COE core programs to address women's health, gender, and empowerment, and campus-based sexual assault and dating violence through research, education, and community engagement.

Currently, we have seven undergraduate Student Ambassadors on four UC campuses (UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, UC Irvine, and UC Davis) and we are seeking additional Student Ambassadors.

Duties of Student Ambassadors

- (1) Identify and raise awareness about events and opportunities related to women's health, gender, and empowerment on their campus/community via social media.
- (2) Promote COE related activities on campus via social media, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.
- (3) Attend COE annual retreat from January 10-12, 2018 in the Bay Area (travel funds will be available).
- (4) Participate in regular (monthly or quarterly) Student Ambassador tele-meetings.
- (5) Work with COE Faculty Ambassadors on their campus, including bi-monthly meeting, as needed.
- (6) Support COE programs to address campus-based sexual assault and dating violence through research, education, and/or community engagement.

As a Student Ambassador, you will develop a wide range of transferable skills. Student Ambassadors will benefit from the guidance of WHGE Faculty Ambassadors at their respective UC campus, gain knowledge and expertise on WHGE related topics, interact with UCGHI, collaborate with campus leaders and faculty members from across the UC, interact with community-based organizations, participate in the COE annual retreat, and gain leadership skills. Additionally, you will learn about funding opportunities related to WHGE topics and gain skills in grant writing. You will also be able to connect with Student Ambassadors from other UC campus and interact with COE faculty at the annual members' retreat and through other COE events and activities. Our COE will support you in your service to your campus.

Extended application deadline: November 17, 2017

Qualifications:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled at a UC campus (either at the graduate or undergraduate level).
- Demonstrate strong communication (written and verbal) and interpersonal skills.
- Exhibit leadership, initiative, dependability, and enthusiasm.
- Interested in WHGE topics.
- Ability to commit to the position for one academic year (Fall – Spring)
- Must commit to at least 2 hours of work per week.
- Must be available to travel to Menlo Park, CA to participate in the WHGE COE retreat (Jan 10-12, 2018). Travel funds and lodging will be provided by the COE.

Stipend: This is a volunteer position, however, each Student Ambassador will be awarded \$250 in addition to the travel funds to attend COE annual retreat in January 2018 (lodging and meals are provided by the COE).

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

If you would like to apply to become a Women's Health, Gender and Empowerment Student Ambassador, please do the following:

1. Request application packet from Chiao-Wen Lan at Chiaowen@ucla.edu
2. **Submit application materials by November 17th, 2017**, including:
 - a. Completed Student Ambassador application
 - b. An updated resume

For questions or more information contact:

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