

- 3. How do you see the U.N. SDGs aligning with your future goals as a medical professional?** Reflect on how the U.N. SDGs connect with your aspirations and how you envision incorporating them into your career. (Max 300 words)

- 4. Global Health Discovery Project/Scholarly Activity.** This program requires completing a project with a global health focus. Share an initial idea for a project you might be interested in pursuing. (Max 300 words)

- 5. Personal Impact of the U.N. SDGs.** The U.N. SDGs cover various areas of improvement for sustainable development. Describe an impact you have personally witnessed that relates to one of these areas. (Max 300 words)

- 6. Personal Statement: Global Vision, Community Focus.** The creed of this program is “global vision, community focus.” Attach a personal statement that reflects on your experiences, values, and goals related to this ideal. (Max 1000 words)

7. **Please note:** If you are interviewed and shortlisted, you will be requested to submit unofficial copies of both your undergrad transcript and your current medical school transcript.

As part of your application for the Recognition of Distinction in Global Health, we invite you to submit a brief video (3-5 minutes) to help us understand your motivations, interests, and goals related to global health. This is an opportunity to share your unique story and passion for global health in your own words.

Tips for Your Video

- Be yourself: We want to hear your authentic voice, so speak naturally and from the heart.
- Stay concise: Aim to keep your video within the 3-5 minute range.
- Organize your thoughts: Use the prompts below to structure your response, but feel free to adapt them as needed.

Video Prompts

Use these prompts as a guide to help structure your video:

- **Introduce Yourself:** Briefly share who you are, where you are in medical school, and any background experiences that have inspired your interest in global health.
- **Your Passion for Global Health:** Describe what drives your passion for global health and why it's personally important to you. Is there a specific moment, experience, or goal that motivates you?
- **Connecting to the UN SDGs:** Choose one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals that resonates with you. Explain why it matters to you and how you'd like to contribute to it through this program.
- **Goals and Vision for Impact:** Share what you hope to achieve in this program. How do you see yourself making a difference in global health (globally and/or locally) during and beyond medical school?
- **Concluding Thoughts:** Wrap up by sharing why now is the right time for you to pursue this distinction and any final thoughts that highlight your commitment and readiness.

For MS1 (Please check one):

I am applying for an international elective for the upcoming summer. (Continue to complete the application below)

I plan to apply for an international elective in February of my MS4 year. (The Recognition of Distinction in Global Health program will contact you during MS3 to apply for the MS4 opportunity. Do not continue with this section.)

For students applying for MS1 International Elective (Pending acceptance into program.):

1. Preferred Experiences

Select up to two (2) international experiences. If choosing two, please rank them by preference:

MS1:

- [Chung Shan Medical University](#) – Taichung City, Taiwan (Clinical)
- [Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo](#) – Santo Domingo and Bani, Dominican Republic (Clinical)
- [Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland in Bahrain](#) – Busaiteen, Bahrain (Clinical)
- [Kyoto University](#) – Kyoto, Japan (Clinical)
- [University of Oxford](#) – Oxford, England (Research)
- [Cardiff University](#) – Cardiff, Wales (Research)

2. Interest in Selected Opportunity

Describe why you are interested in your selected international elective(s). What appeals to you about this experience and location? (Max 300 words)

3. Previous International/Cross-Cultural Experience

Briefly describe any prior international or cross-cultural experiences you've had.
How have these experiences influenced your perspective? (Max 300 words)

4. Language Proficiency

Rate your proficiency in each language using a scale of 1-5 (1 = beginner, 5 = fluent).

Language	Spoken	Written
Spanish		
Mandarin		
Arabic		
Hindi		
Japanese		
Other:		

International Elective Supplement: Below you will find short summaries of the available electives. For more detailed information, please email Victoria Patneade at RDGH@uab.edu

- **Chung Shan Medical University-** A four-week clinical program split in two 2-week rotations from the following list of available electives:
 - Urology, Otolaryngology, Pediatrics, Robotic Surgery (da Vinci), Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Medical Imaging, Dermatology, Nuclear Medicine
- **Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo-** A four-week clinical program split into two 2-week segments. The first two weeks will be spent working at rural clinics in Baní. The last two weeks will be spent participating in two 1-week rotations at local area hospitals in Santo Domingo. Rotation selections will be submitted in March.
- **Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland in Bahrain-** A four-week clinical program in which students will be placed on a team at the King Hamad University Hospital. Team will be based on student interests submitted via an additional clinical elective form from RCSI.
- **Kyoto University-** A four-week clinical program split in two 2-week rotations from the following list of available electives:
 - Primary Care, Emergency Medicine, Urology, Clinical Oncology, Anesthesia, Clinical Lab/Diagnostic Pathology (1 week)
- **University of Oxford-** An eight-week research elective in which students will work alongside Oxford faculty on their chosen research project from the following:
 - Pathogenesis of cancer-induced bone disease
 - Investigating the use, safety, effectiveness, and cost of drugs and devices
 - Investigating the genetic and non-genetic causes of common hand surgery conditions
 - Design of mechanistic models, quantitative methods, and prototype devices for the development of novel therapeutic modalities
 - Investigating the impact of microgravity on aging and age-related diseases
- **Cardiff University-** An eight-week research elective in which students will work alongside Cardiff faculty on their chosen research project from the following:
 - Investigate the high INTRA- and INTER- participant variability in response to transcranial electrical stimulation
 - Investigate the role that tumor microbiome plays in exacerbating or quelling metastatic disease
 - Investigate the spatial and temporal sequences that result in ventricular fibrillation utilizing cardiac optical mapping
 - Assess the impact of obesity on inflammatory mediators in blood and determine whether these impact on the development of anti-tumour immunity following Treg-based interventions.