



HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL
Program in Global Surgery and Social Change
Department of Global Health and Social Medicine



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Paul Farmer Global Surgery Fellowship Clinical Track

Fellowship Description

The Paul Farmer Global Surgery Fellowship was created by the Department of Plastic and Oral Surgery at Children's Hospital Boston in collaboration with Partners In Health and the Program in Global Surgery and Social Change at Harvard Medical School. The purpose of the Fellowship is to train leaders who will further promote surgical care, education, and research in resource-poor settings around the world. Fellows will also develop academic, clinical, and administrative skills in global surgery, public health, surgical systems development, and humanitarian aid.

The main focus of the Paul Farmer Global Surgery Fellowship curriculum revolves around education, research, and the provision of surgical care. Both Clinical and Research Fellows are expected to work collaboratively and participate in the education and training of other residents and medical students that may be working as part of the Global Surgery Team.

Fellowship Structure

Duration: 12-24 months

Curriculum: Divided between (1) Global surgical care and education, (2) Research, (3) Masters of Public Health, and (4) International curriculum

1. Global surgical care and education

Fellows will operate independently in collaboration with their in-country partners to provide surgical care in resource poor international sites approximately 6 to 7 months per year in the fellowship. This experience is the priority of the program. Fellows also gain firsthand experience in surgical program development, public health, human rights, and education of local providers.

2. Research

Clinical Fellows will work with the Research Fellows and the Global Surgery Team to support clinical and health care service research related to global surgery.

3. Masters of Public Health

If they choose to do so, Fellows may pursue a Masters Degree in Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health during their fellowship. The MPH degree can be started through the Summer Program in Clinical Effectiveness at the Harvard School of Public Health. Separate applications to these programs are required; acceptance into the Paul Farmer Global Surgery Fellowship does not guarantee acceptance into the MPH program. Obtaining the MPH requires a 24 month Fellowship commitment.

4. International Curriculum

Fellows may participate in various educational programs that focus on global surgery. Opportunities may exist through the World Health Organization (WHO), various NGOs such as Operation Smile, or through other academic institutions.

Goals

1. To train leaders in global surgery.
2. To advance the specialty of global surgery through delivery of surgical care and education in resource poor settings worldwide.
3. To conduct clinical and health care delivery research based on a formal education in public health and clinical effectiveness.
4. To develop knowledge of global public health issues, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and health care infrastructure around the world.
5. To participate in and strengthen the international network of global surgeons.

Application Instructions: In order to apply for the Global Surgery Fellowship, please fill out the [Paul Farmer Global Surgery Fellowship application](#).

In addition to submitting a completed application, please be sure to also include:

- Current CV listing all research, work, and volunteer experiences. In addition, please list any international experiences you have had (include location, dates, and nature of involvement)
- A Personal Statement. This statement should describe your interest in and commitment to expanding the field of global surgery. Please also explain how you feel that you might benefit from this fellowship. Personal statements should be limited to one single-spaced page
- Three letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from residency director or chairman
- Official transcript of USMLE or Non-US equivalent test results
- Official medical school transcript

Application Deadline: October 15th

Please send all completed application materials to:

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