

Associated Students of the University of California, Merced

Bill #1

**Funding American Medical Student Association for a Hospital Medicine Program Abroad**

*The bill will sponsor AMSA's CFHI Committee to participate in a 2-week intensive Hospital Medicine Program located in Cordoba, Argentina.*

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**BACKGROUND**

The American Medical Student Association (AMSA) at UC Merced is an all-encompassing organization, open to students interested in pursuing a career in the health professions, including but not limited to, medicine, nursing, or physician assistant. AMSA members work toward academic success, community outreach, health advocacy, and, ultimately, personal and professional development.

Child Family Health International (CFHI) is a non-profit organization that has been around for over 20 years working towards improving access to global health. CFHI, an official partner of AMSA, provides AMSA members with numerous amounts of special access to programs, scholarships, and discounts. Its purpose is to provide global health electives and practicums through 31 community-based Global Health Education Programs in 10 Latin American countries. CFHI sets and practices standards for educational rigor, supervision, ethics, competency-based education, safety and reciprocity. Students who participate in CFHI programs are exposed to the complexity of health and wellness in other parts of the world, people of different cultural backgrounds, poverty, resiliency, geopolitics, historical contexts, social differences, and an insight of how other health professionals treat diseases. Most importantly, CFHI aims to connect individuals with health professionals, while also helping them understand the importance of global health, equity, and social justice.

CFHI's Global Health Intensive Program in Argentina provides exposure to hospital medicine through clinical rotations at some of the oldest and most renowned teaching hospitals in Latin America. Participants gain exposure to government programs serving uninsured patients, while also being placed in hospitals that focus on infectious diseases, pediatrics, research, tertiary care, maternity, and emergency medicine. In addition, students participate in case studies, discussions, and lectures alongside local health professionals and medical students. Finally, students are given the opportunity to immerse themselves in the Argentinian culture by attending Spanish classes and day trips.

**PURPOSE**

To be funded \$9,720 from the Associated Students of the University of California, Merced in order for a group of six AMSA members to participate in CFHI's Hospital Medicine two-week intensive program located in Latin America, Cordoba, Argentina. The program will occur during the 2016 winter break. The anticipated program start date is December 24th.

1. **Whereas:** The Preamble of the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of California, Merced communicates that ASUCM “promotes the general educational welfare and enhancement of the academic benefits and opportunities offered for the continued success of the students of the University of California, Merced”; and,
2. **Whereas:** The Associated Students of the University of California, Merced exists to provide for the UC Merced student body in all aspects necessary to create a well-balanced educational experience; and,
3. **Whereas:** The Child Family Health International Committee, under the UC Merced chapter of the American Medical Student Association participate in the hospital medicine program in Argentina to allow our students to represent UC Merced and our community abroad; and,
4. **Whereas:** Attending the CFHI program will enable students to network and gain experience in the health field of a Latin American country; and,
5. **Whereas:** This trip will offer unique opportunities for these individuals to gain invaluable skills, knowledge, and experience that will optimize their candidacies in health-related professions after graduating from UC Merced; and,
6. **Whereas:** This program will last for two-weeks during the winter, giving our students an opportunity to spend their school break undertaking a program that will give them insight on their future careers; and,
7. **Whereas:** The Hospital Medicine in Latin America budget breakdown and sample schedule of the program can be found in the Appendixes A and B; and,

**Be it Enacted:** ASUCM Senate will allocate between \$9,720 from their 2016-2017 funds to support CFHI’s participation in Argentina’s two-week intensive hospital medicine program.

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**Appendix A: Budget Breakdown**

<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Program Expenses (+)</b>	<b>Discounts (-)</b>	<b>Opting Out (-)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Six	Two weeks	\$1,800 per participant	\$150 per participant = -\$900	Wine Tasting \$30 per participant = -\$180	= \$9,720

\***Out of pocket expenses:** Airfare from San Francisco to Córdoba, Argentina

<b>Program Expenses Breakdown (Per Student for two-weeks)</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost Per Item</b>
Community Partner Fees, Honorariums, and Project Support	\$300
Housing with two meals per day	\$460
Airport pickup and drop off	\$30
15 hours Spanish language classes	\$150
On-Site Orientation & Welcome, city tour	\$50
Clinical rotation placement and honorarium	\$200
Site visit to Museum of Pathological Anatomy	\$30
Guided walking tour of Cordoba's historic center	\$20
Tango Classes and Show	\$20
Local Cell Phone	\$30

Pre-paid bus card	\$15
Orientation meeting and on-site lectures	\$100
Required Pre-Departure Training and Curriculum	\$50
International Emergency Medical and Evacuation Insurance coverage	\$44
Travel and Preparation Support	\$50
CFHI Administration and Oversight	\$221

Total Funding Request: \$9,720

\*Application fee waived

\*Discount of \$150 per participant given for applying as a group

\*Fundraisers will be used to cover airfare expenses

## **What's Included?**

### **Pre-Departure Support**

- Guidance from CFHI staff in San Francisco before departure
- Program-specific materials with information on making travel arrangements, visa requirements, recommended immunizations, etc.

### **On-Site Services**

- Airport pickup upon arrival and transportation with local CFHI representative to homestay
- Welcome orientation covering safety, transportation, and other logistics
- Spanish Classes: 15 hours/month of Spanish classes, including medical Spanish instruction and cultural activities
- CFHI Local Team: providing instruction, logistical support, and 24/7 emergency response
- Weekly debrief meetings with Local Coordinator and Medical Director

- Weekly meetings and lectures on local health care system, socio-economic determinants of health and current cultural/historical topics
- Placement and coordination of clinical/public health rotations/activities
- Accommodation with a local host family vetted by CFHI staff and two meals a day- breakfast and dinner
- Local cell phone
- Rechargeable bus card
- International emergency medical and evacuation insurance
- Activities:
  - Site visit to Museum of Pathological Anatomy
  - Guided walking tour of Cordoba's historic center
  - Tango Classes & Show
- Airport Drop-off upon departure

### **Post-Return Resources**

- Access to CFHI alumni-only LinkedIn group featuring news and career opportunities related to Global Health
- CFHI alumni newsletter highlighting events, resources, and ways to stay involved

### **What's Not Included?**

- Roundtrip airfare to program site
- Passport or visa fees
- Personal expenses such as weekend and after-hour activities. This includes but is not limited to local transportation, tourist trips in and around the program site, etc.
- Local transportation

**Appendix B: Hospital Medicine in Latin America Sample Schedule**

**Saturday**

Airport pickup and accommodation (Homestay individual or sharing room)

**Sunday**

Orientation/Preparation for Clinical Rotations:

- Bus system, exchanging money, behavior, rules, safety guidelines, cultural norms, etc.
- City tour
- Welcome dinner and Tango show

**Monday**

7 am -12:45 pm - Hospital/Clinical Rotation

1 pm – 1:50 pm- Lunch

2 pm- 6 pm- Spanish immersion group classes –

*Advanced classes include daily review of specific topic in the news related to economy, health or culture- Students read and discuss/debate each topic with Spanish teachers- highlighting the importance of the topic to health (see attached sample news report)*

**Tuesday**

7 am -12:45 pm - Hospital/Clinical Rotation

1 pm – 1:50 pm- Lunch

2 pm- 6pm- Cross-cultural studies I (See topics below)

**Wednesday**

8 am -12:45 pm - Hospital/Clinical Rotation

1 pm – 1:50 pm- Lunch

2 pm- 6pm- Medical Spanish immersion group classes

6 pm- 9 pm- Wine Tasting

### **Thursday**

8 am -12:45 pm - Hospital/Clinical Rotation

1 pm – 1:50 pm- Lunch

2 pm- 6pm- Cross-cultural studies (See topics below)

7 pm- 8:30 pm- Medical Director weekly check-in meeting

### **Friday**

8 am -12:45 pm - Hospital/Clinical Rotation

1 pm – 1:50 pm- Lunch

2 pm- 4 pm- Visit to Anatomical Museum and Museum of Anatomical Pathologies

5 pm- 7:30 pm Medical Spanish immersion group classes

### **Appendix C: References**

CFHI website- <https://www.cfhi.org/hospital-medicine-in-latin-america-2-week-intensive>

Program Expenses-

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxI3vGohiHlheFROOU44cmh0UHc/view?usp=sharing>

Schedule/Other Info.-

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxI3vGohiHlhaW9jaDQxNkdNUmM/view?usp=sharing>

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