

Associated Students of the University of California, Merced

Bill #6

Funding for the Global Medical Training Chapter at UC Merced

Funding for the Global Medical Training Club at UC Merced to travel to Nicaragua.

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Background:

Global Medical Training is an international humanitarian organization established with the goal of providing health services for impoverished and rural communities of Central America. Founded in 2003 by Dr. Wil Johnson, the organization enlists the aid of college students to travel to Panama, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic to help those living in lower socioeconomic communities. In addition to gaining essential hands-on experience in the health field, students are given the opportunity to experience and learn about various different cultures.

Global Medical Training is unlike most organizations since it allows students to directly interact with patients. Each trip lasts approximately 9-14 days with 5-7 clinical days accommodating 15-60 students. The trips begin with an orientation day where students are thoroughly taught the basics of working with patients. On clinical days, local health centers are set up. Students begin in groups of 4 students per patient where they examine patients diagnosing diseases and prescribing medications as needed. The doctor on duty comes in and checks off the students to make sure everything is done properly and according to procedure. The students however do a majority of the work. After clinical rotations for the day, students get to experience the culture and the cities in which they work.

The Global Medical Training chapter at UC Merced was founded in 2014. One of the main goals of the organization is to provide students with the essential skills necessary to succeed on the trips. Throughout the semester, members of GMT will participate in various workshops to gain a general background of fundamental skills such as taking vitals, learning Spanish, and diagnosing common diseases. Students will also have the opportunity to take part in fundraising opportunities to help raise funds to pay for their trip expenses. Examples of fundraisers will include, but not limited to, restaurant collaborations, selling items such as bracelets, and hosting campus events. All funds profited from such events will be set up in a pool to be distributed to those students going on the trips. In addition to fundraising, members of GMT will collaborate with many organizations on campus in order to help better the Merced community such as coordinating and setting up health clinics, volunteering at hospitals, and tutoring at the local schools. In this way, GMT members help in their own community as well as abroad. A selective application and interview process determines which students are sent abroad to ensure that only the best students represent UC Merced as well as the Global Medical Training Chapter.

Purpose: The purpose of this bill is to allocate \$10,000 to the Global Medical Training Chapter at UC Merced to send eight students to Nicaragua from January 7-14st 2017.

1. **Whereas:** The Preamble of the ASUCM Constitution states that we will seek to, “promote the general educational welfare and enhancement of the academic

benefits and opportunities offered for the continued success of the University of California, Merced”; and,

2. **Whereas:** UC Merced students attending this trip that interested in the health field will be able to learn from practicing physicians and be able to apply their knowledge; and,
3. **Whereas:** Students will be interacting with patients directly and learning valuable skills necessary for their future careers in the medical field; and,
4. **Whereas:** This is a great opportunity for UC Merced students to assist in improving the conditions of underserved communities; and
5. **Whereas:** All UC Merced students are able to join this organization and attend this trip after meeting the appropriate standards outlined in the Background; and
6. **Whereas:** The Global Medical Training Chapter at UC Merced will continue to host follow up events to prepare students for their careers in the medical field; and,
7. **Whereas:** The Global Medical Training Chapter at UC Merced will be hosting informative cultural events to prepare members for their the trip and to share previous experiences; and
8. **Whereas:** The remaining cost of the trip will be covered by the students attending the trip, donations, and various fundraisers; and,
9. **Whereas:** Upon return from the trip, students will present at Global Medical Training hosted events to speak about their experiences both medically and culturally while hosting various workshops focusing on the skills they acquired; and
10. **Whereas:** The medication cost being requested in Appendix A will be purchased and distributed by Global Medical Training professional staff and not student participants, in adherence with ASUCM Financial Bylaws; and,
11. **Whereas:** The Budget Breakdown is included in Appendix A.

Be it Enacted: That \$10,000.00 be allocated to the Global Medical Training Chapter at UC Merced from the ASUCM 2016-2017 General Fund to send eight students to Nicaragua on January 7-14st 2017.

Appendix A: Budget Breakdown

Item	Amount	Cost Per Person
Airfare	8	\$425
Transportation	8	\$360
Staff Fees	8	\$240
Medication	8	\$180
Out of Pocket Contributions	8	\$800
Buffer*	1	\$360
	Total:	\$16,400

Appendix B: Budget Breakdown According to International GMT’s Website

Budget Breakdown of Registration Fees

OUR BUDGET

This is obtained as an approximate average based upon our experience over the last four years.

Expense	% of our budget
Local transportation	30%
Staff Salaries for trips and trip development	15%
Financial Aid (for participants)	5%
Medical supplies and medication	15%
Lodging and food	35%
TOTAL	100%

A capital operating fund is not a budgeted item as the trip budgets are zero based. Any trip under-runs and over-runs would apply to this fund which serves as a buffer reserve for overruns, dental and other equipment and pharmacy purchases.

ASUCM CONTRIBUTION- \$10,000.00**

ASUCM Contribution: 60%

Individual/ Club Contribution: 40%

ASUCM Total: \$10,000.00

*Buffer to account for the fluctuated costs of airfare

**ASUCM will not be covering the “Out of Pocket Contributions”

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Student Activities

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Katelyn Fitzgerald, President

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