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Dornsife Global Development Scholars

Program Description

The Dornsife Global Development Scholars Program is a nationally and internationally recognized capacity-building program for bridging gaps between scientific research, development practice, and applied problem-solving in the context of improving global health.

This program is based on a mentorship model that allows students of all majors and educational levels to work alongside World Vision International, a major international non-government organization (INGO) and the largest distributors of water around the world, on humanitarian efforts that push forward to achieving all U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to the global agenda prioritizing water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). While gaining international experience in rural parts of sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia from 3 to 6 months, Dornsife Scholars address cross-cutting themes in WASH such as social marketing, economic development, health education, community engagement, evaluation, and a host of other areas related to promoting and improving overall health and development in low-resource settings.

The Dornsife Global Development Scholars Program develops global stewards that are catalysts for change in a forever changing world, and exhibitors of a higher level of awareness, empathy and cultural competence. In addition to receiving an intensive pre-departure training rooted in social justice and health as a human right, each Dornsife Scholar receives ongoing field support for both personal and project-related development.

The Dornsife Global Development Scholars Program is open to all graduate and undergraduate majors (at all levels) at Drexel; applications for coop and/or a summer international experience are strongly encouraged.

The Dornsife Global Development Scholars Program provide students with funding to cover the associated costs of participation, including a scholarship to cover travel and in-field expenses, such as:

- Airfare to and from country
- In-country housing
- Food stipend
- International health insurance
- Emergency evacuation insurance
- Communications expenses (*local cell phone and/or occasional use of internet cafes*)
- Visa expenses
- And other project-related costs

The Dornsife Global Development Scholars program prepares each and every scholar for international work through a required onboarding program. This training is held prior to travel and field work, as pre-departure training is essential for every outbound scholar. Dornsife Global Development Scholars are also expected to present findings and lessons learned upon their return back to the United States through a post-exit presentation or workshop. As a part of this scholarship program, Dornsife Global Development Scholars are required to participate in programming at least one term before the international experience begins; as well as re-entry programming during the academic year after they return to the US. Specific details on the presentation, participation in all programming, and other expectations will be given during the Dornsife Global Development Scholars interest meetings and orientation.

All questions in regard to the application process or the training program can be directed to Idris Robinson at idris@drexel.edu, drexel.edu/dornsifescholars.

All co-op applicants are required to abide by all Steinbright Career Development Center international co-op requirements <http://www.drexel.edu/scdc/co-op/international/>. Additionally, all non-co-op applicants must adhere to the Education Abroad registration requirements <https://drexel.edu/studyabroad/>.

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2023 Cohort Application

Application Checklist

- Completed Application (3 pages)
- Statement of Purpose (750-word Personal Statement)
- Unofficial Transcripts (Current)
- Resume/Curriculum vitae (2 pages max)

The deadline for all completed applications is December 1, 2022. Completed applications can be submitted using either of the following:

Email

idris@drexel.edu

Dropped off or Mailed

Idris Robinson
3215 Market Street
Nesbitt Hall Office 717
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

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Application Instructions

Step 1

Review all background information about the Dornsife Global Development Scholars program, which can be found in the program description and on the Dornsife Global Development Scholars website (see: www.drexel.edu/dornsifescholars). On our website, be sure to review the diversity of work and field experiences that past Dornsife Global Development Scholars have had (from 2014-present) (see: <http://drexel.edu/dornsife/global/dornsife-scholars/scholars/>).

Step 2

Complete the Dornsife Global Development Scholars application by providing a response to all fields. On the application, be sure to select your preferential cross-cutting areas in WASH (check all that apply). Save the file type as a PDF with the following title: "FirstnameLastname_DGDSapp" (e.g. IdrisRobinson_DGDSapp.pdf).

Step 3

Prepare the remaining supplemental application materials:

- **Statement of Purpose:** A 750-word statement of interest that describes (1) specific ways working with World Vision WASH Learning Centers relate to your future aspirations in global health, (2) unique contributions you can make to World Vision efforts to meet their strategic goals and UN SDGs by 2030 given your current skills and experiences, and (3) prior experiences working in diverse communities. Save the file type as a PDF with the following title: "FirstnameLastname_SOP" (e.g. IdrisRobinson_SOP.pdf).
- **Unofficial Transcripts:** Unofficial transcripts from current or most recent institution, or Fall 2022 term grades. Save the file type as a PDF with the following title: "FirstnameLastname_Trans" (e.g. IdrisRobinson_Trans.pdf).
- **Resume/Curriculum Vitae (CV):** CVs should be a maximum of 2 pages and highlight experiences relevant to the program. Save the file type as a PDF with the following title: "FirstnameLastname_CV" (e.g. IdrisRobinson_CV.pdf).

Step 4

Applications are due by December 1, 2022. It is your responsibility to ensure that your submission contains a complete application and all the necessary components. Completed applications can be submitted by email, fax, mail, or dropped off to Idris Robinson using the following:

- **Email:** idris@drexel.edu
- **Mail/Drop off:** 3215 Market Street, Nesbitt Hall Office 717, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Note: This is a very competitive program. Completing the Dornsife Scholars application process does not guarantee placement. Additionally, in order to meet university requirements for co-op credit, an international experience, practicum, thesis or other academic requirements (if applicable), students must also abide by the application and registration requirements of Steinbright Career Development Center (for co-op), the Office of Global Engagement international experience process, and obtain approval from your advisor/department, college/school (if seeking credit in partial fulfillment of other academic requirements, such as practicum, thesis/dissertation research, etc.).



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Selection Process

Review 1

The Dornsife Global Development Scholars Selection Committee will review eligible applications to match applicants with the needs of our World Vision International hosts based on the following:

- Student being in good academic standing;
- Demonstration of relevant experience, knowledge and skills;
- Ability to connect academic matriculation with the general needs of improving health outcomes in resource-limited communities;
- Expressed interest of international development as it relates to the UN SDG global agenda and World Vision WASH initiatives as described in personal statement; and
- Demonstrated understanding of the current state of global health and international development.

The committee will then notify and arrange interviews with the applicant based on the specific opportunities available with World Vision. After the interview between the committee and the candidate, the committee will notify World Vision of the qualified, competitive applicants.

Review 2

World Vision regional leadership, national directors, and field staff review applications and select the applicants best suited for the available country projects. If needed, the Dornsife Global Development Scholar Program office will coordinate a Zoom meeting between World Vision and the applicant(s) before identifying the best match(es) for the available World Vision projects. Students can expect that these meetings will consist of a brief conversation or meeting arranged at World Vision's discretion.

Review 3

The Dornsife Global Development Scholars Selection Committee will identify the matches between the accepted applicant's preferred projects and project interests (as identified on the student's application), and World Vision's list of preferred student matches (as identified in Review 2).

Final decisions on accepted applicants will be based on the matching criteria and overall best fit. Decisions will be announced in a formal acknowledgement sent to applicants by email before the winter break.

Upon the acceptance of the scholarship offer, Dornsife Scholars will be informed of orientation, mandatory events, and all other information related to the Dornsife Global Development Scholars program, and sign a commitment to the program. Before committing to this program, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure there are no financial holds or outstanding tuition bills that would impact the posting of their scholarship via Drexel Central.

Co-op students will follow the policies, procedures, and processes of the Steinbright Career Development Center as outlined here: <http://www.drexel.edu/scdc/co-op/undergraduate/policies-procedures/>. For more information about the international co-op contact the co-op advisors at internationalcoop@drexel.edu.



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Contact Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
<small>PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH YOUR FULL NAME EXACTLY AS IT IS WRITTEN ON YOUR PASSPORT</small>		

Email Address	Drexel Student ID (e.g. usa1234)
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Mobile Phone	WhatsApp Mobile Number (include country code)
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Date of Birth	Mailing Address	City/State/ Zip Code
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Skype Name	Alternative Email <small>A NON-DREXEL EMAIL ADDRESS</small>
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Current University Information

Are you applying to this program for fulfillment of co-op? Yes No

Please select your current academic classification.

<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Doctoral	<input type="checkbox"/> DUCOM Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

Academic Major (and Minor if applicable)

Current GPA (on a 4.0 scale)	Anticipated Graduation (Semester/Year)
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Demographic Information

The Dornsife Global Development Scholars Program is an equal opportunity provider and is committed to continue building diverse, equitable, and inclusive cohorts. To better understand the diversity of our applicant pool, we offer those applying to be a Dornsife Scholar the opportunity to share information about their background with us. *Responding to these questions is strictly voluntary.* Although categories below may not represent your full identity or use the language you prefer, for the purpose of this application, please indicate the below that most accurately describes your identification.

Sex: Male Female Other _____

Gender Pronoun(s): They/Them/Theirs She/Her/Hers He/Him/His I prefer not to disclose.

Are you a United States citizen? Yes No

If no, please state your country of citizenship.

Do you speak any languages conversationally other than English? Yes No

If so, please list which languages you speak and your level of proficiency.

Please select what race you most closely associate with. If you are of multiracial/multicultural identity, check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Native American | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian American/South Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Black/ African American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latinx/Chicanx/Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian | <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Please select your racial/ethnic category. If you are of multiracial/multicultural identity, check all that apply. Belief System: To the extent that you feel comfortable, please indicate your affiliation with a belief system. (Select one).

- I ascribe to a faith or belief system (e.g., Christian, Humanistic, etc.)
 I do not ascribe to a faith or belief system (e.g., Atheist)
 I am agnostic.
 I prefer not to disclose.

Areas of Interest

Please select the reason you are applying to this program: General Summer Experience Co-op

Based on your plan of study, when is the earliest you are available to travel? Spring 2023 Summer 2023

Based on your plan of study, please identify the greatest duration of time you are most available to travel internationally as a Scholar:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Six (6) weeks | <input type="checkbox"/> Ten (10) weeks | <input type="checkbox"/> Three (3) months | <input type="checkbox"/> Six (6) months |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Term II Break | <input type="checkbox"/> Semester/Term Break | <input type="checkbox"/> Student exchange (only in select locations) | |

Based on your background, please select the cross-cutting WASH issues that best align with your areas of interest.

Select all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Climate Change | <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Disability Inclusion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Education | <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Emergencies | <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Faith and Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Food Security | <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Gender Equity | <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Health | <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & HIV/Disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Livelihood | <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Politics | <input type="checkbox"/> WASH & Productive Use |

With project locations in over 20 countries throughout sub-Saharan African, South Asia, and Latin America, please identify the countries you have a strong preference in being placed. Note, Dornsife Scholar placements are based on the needs of World Vision, as well as candidate match. Accordingly, there is no guarantee applicants will be placed in locations identified as a preference.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladesh | <input type="checkbox"/> Bolivia | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopia | <input type="checkbox"/> Eswatini |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ghana | <input type="checkbox"/> Guatemala | <input type="checkbox"/> Honduras | <input type="checkbox"/> India |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenya | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesotho | <input type="checkbox"/> Malawi | <input type="checkbox"/> Mozambique |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nicaragua | <input type="checkbox"/> Rwanda | <input type="checkbox"/> Senegal | <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Leone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sri Lanka | <input type="checkbox"/> Tanzania | <input type="checkbox"/> Uganda | <input type="checkbox"/> Zambia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zimbabwe | <input type="checkbox"/> Only Africa | <input type="checkbox"/> Only Asia | <input type="checkbox"/> Only Latin America |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference (Open to all sites equally) | | | |

Knowledge Skills and Attitudes Self-Assessment Questionnaire

Please complete the following self-assessment questionnaire by choosing the singular most appropriate response to each statement.

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>
1. With new experiences, I am completely open-minded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I am aware of and regular exude cultural competence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. If I do not have enough information to do a task, I seek it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I am constantly looking for ways to do my job better.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I value groups that are different than me. <i>FOR EXAMPLE: CULTURAL, SOCIAL, POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS, ETC.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I am comfortable working in unstructured environments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. I respectfully communicate frustrations in the workplace.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. I am sensitive to viewpoints I disagree with.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. I am confident in my abilities without external affirmations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. I am comfortable working in resource-limited settings. <i>FOR EXAMPLE: RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. I am prepared to deal with absence from friends and family.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. I can maturely handle bureaucracy and informal politics.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Self-Reflection Statements

Please complete the following self-reflection questions by providing concise statements. Your statements should answer the mini prompt in three sentences or less.

What are the two things you are most looking forward to as a Dornsife Scholar? _____

What are the two things you are most concerned about as a Dornsife Scholar? _____

What do you believe the communities you will work with alongside World Vision will gain from your time as a Dornsife Scholar? _____

Contacts Information for Professional References

Please provide the contact information of two professional references that are knowledgeable of your ability to work on projects related to the overall improvement of health outcomes in low-resource communities, and pursue a career contributing to international development. ONE REFERENCE MUST BE FROM A DREXEL UNIVERSITY FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBER. Note: We are not looking for reference letters.

Reference 1

Full Name	Title	
Company		
Email Address	Phone Number	Years Known

Reference 2

Full Name	Title	
Company		
Email Address	Phone Number	Years Known

- I have reviewed the program details and all other information in the application packet.
- I have read the requirements and confirm that I meet them.
- I am aware, as placements are individually based, that it is highly likely I will be based in a rural World Vision site and not working with another Drexel student.
- I understand the field component of the Dornsife Global Development Scholars program may require me to get immunizations.
- In fulfillment of my co-op, international experience, practicum, thesis, dissertation, or other requirement, I confirm I have received the necessary approval from my advisor/department, college/school, co-op/study abroad advisor (if applicable).
- Based on the workload needs of World Vision, I understand it is possible I could be placed in a region, country, or site working in/or/on a project that may differ from my stated preferences.
- I am aware that once selected as a Dornsife Global Development Scholar, my emergency contact (or designee) must participate in a brief mandatory information session/teleconference prior to my departure.
- I understand most placements are in rural settings, working directly with World Vision International—which is a faith-based international development NGO active in over 90 countries with projects funded by USAID, CDC, Global Fund, UNICEF, etc.
- I understand that selection to the 2023 cohort of the Dornsife Global Development Scholars Program requires me to sign a program commitment contract.

Signature

Date