

# One Village at a time Uganda Limited: Global Health Practicum Fellowship

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## About OVAAT

One Village at a time Uganda Chapter (OVAAT) is a registered NGO with the Ugandan and it is Government by individuals who have a passion for making a difference in the lives of people globally starting with one village at a time. So, at OVAAT, development is more than a passion or a calling. It's a profession. Doing it well takes experience, ingenuity and a stubborn insistence that tomorrow's work must be better than today's. We take a promising new way of powering a village in Uganda and adapt it to a village in a developed country. We embrace project management as a discipline, not an afterthought, so our clients get maximum impact for minimum risk. And we think big, about applying lessons learned across all of our projects, about bridging the gap between segregated technical fields and about forging partnerships that unite the world's best minds to solve its toughest problems

OVAAT operates a medical clinic, Naigobya Health Center, that provides basic primary health care to a catchment area in Luuka District that consists of about 40,000 people living across 62 rural villages. OVAAT has treated around 20,000 patients over the last three years at Naigobya Health Center, where we implement clinical research studies, execute targeted public health interventions, and cultivate social enterprises to target social and cultural determinants of health. OVAAT Operates a youth resource Centre where youth are empowered to take care of their health and development needs. Every weekend-Sunday evening, the Youth Resource Centre brings together youth especially young girls between the ages of 13 to 20 to interact as a way to reduce stigma and provide peer to peer support, sensitize the youth on sexual reproductive health knowledge and rights and engage young people in sport activities to build strong relationships among the youth and bring back joy and laughter in the hearts of the stressed and depressed youth. During these sessions the youth always get family planning menstrual hygiene knowledge, and gadgets and screen for different Sexually Transmitted infections.

OVAAT is committed to increasing access to healthcare services and public health resources for some of the world's most vulnerable communities. We are an interdisciplinary team of passionate and self-directed global citizens who strive to eliminate the health obstacles by using evidence-based, scientifically proven interventions.

### **Our Vision**

Empowered, Healthy and Productive households in Ugandan communities

### **Our Mission**

To promote meaningful change around Ugandan communities to help people live healthier, more productive, and more independent lives

### **Strategic Objectives**

1. To Empower youth to respond to their health and development needs
2. To strengthen maternal health community initiatives
3. To promote quality child health provision at all levels

### **Our Core Values**

Open mindedness, Responsive, Integrity, Value for people, Equity/Equality. Respect for gender and other forms of diversity Professionalism

# Global Health Practicum Fellowship Description

## **About the Global Health Practicum Fellowship:**

OVAAT Global Health Practicum Fellowship gives self-directed students a unique opportunity to work on an intercultural team for an immersive collaborative project on a customized global health project.

Fellows will be living in Naigobya Village in Uganda for six weeks with students from many teams to implement their projects, which can consist of research, community educational programs, and/or direct project implementation. Before their six-week experience, fellows will have the opportunity to work with global health practitioners to conceptualize, develop, and prepare for their projects. They will also receive three virtual sessions of pre-orientation cultural training. During the fellowship, participants will also benefit from global health didactics weekly and receive daily mentoring and supervision from the OVAAT team. If the fellows wish to publish their findings or otherwise follow-up on their project, OVAT team will continue mentorship.

The fellowship program works to increase global health awareness, educate peers on global health issues, encourage students to reach out for global health opportunities, and raise funds for a specific global health topic, interventions, and resources.

## **Purpose of the Global Health Experiential Fellowship:**

We seek to provide fellows with the opportunity to build a platform to advance their careers through developing their skills in intercultural collaboration, organizational management, leadership, and research. Our goal is to provide an immersive, equitable, and life-changing experience, which allows fellows to learn about issues in global health from local communities and with guidance from relevant mentors. We anticipate that the relationships and networks that fellows form over their immersive experience will last over many years and be a resource for your personal and professional development.

## **Benefits of Being a Global Health Practicum Fellow:**

- Unique, competitive fellowship in global health
- Develop cultural responsiveness and competency
- Gain research experience with support from global health and public health professionals
- Introduction to implementation science and global health practice
- Immersive six-week experience in a new culture
- Option of participating in optional trips to see natural wonders, including safaris
- Certified certificate from Ministry of Health in Uganda

## **Requirements & Eligibility Criteria of the Global Health Practicum Fellowship:**

1. Enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program; students from all backgrounds are welcome.
2. Have innate passion for global social justice, provide healthcare to vulnerable communities, and determine the root causes of health inequities and equality.
3. A team builder (with attention and focus on forming groups), as well as a team player with passion for cultivating communities motivated to take action.
4. Able to take ownership of coordinating in-person programming and work and learn remotely with support from the central leadership of OVAAT

**Objectives of the Global Health Practicum Fellowship:**

1. Fellows will deepen their understanding of the topic of the project for which their Chapters are conducting. Fellows should become up to date on current best practices and available literature. Fellows will undertake a combination of self-directed and directed learning.
2. Fellows will build relationships with students and community members from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Fellows will develop an understanding of a wider variety of human experience and condition.
3. Fellows will be motivated to become a strong advocate for global equity and be motivated by a sense of fairness and justice to help empower the globally marginalized.

**Conditions of the Fellowship:**

1. OVAAT will provide advisors relevant expertise in the field. Advisors will help supervise the construction and implementation of the project.
2. Fellows are expected to commit 40 hours each week to accomplish the relevant tasks of the fellowship.
3. Fellows are not entitled to wages or any monetary compensation for the time spent in the fellowship.
4. OVAAT will provide accommodation, food, transportation, water, airport pick-up, and security at a subsidized fee on both the weekdays and weekends to fellows for the duration of the fellowship.
5. OVAAT will provide necessary project implementation costs, such as hiring community health workers, project-related transportation.
6. OVAAT will provide weekly global health didactics and guest lectures at no extra tuition.
7. OVAAT will NOT provide costs for IRB approvals (if your team wishes to publish their research in a scientific journal), visa, health insurance, travel medicine appointments, optional weekend costs, post-fellowship safari, and airplane tickets.

## Global Health Practicum Fellowship Logistics

**Fellowship Contact Information:**

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**Term:** The term of this fellowship is from **July 20th, 2022 to August 20th, 2022**

**Vision:** Equip future advocates and practitioners in global equity with intercultural understanding, project management skills, and global health and leadership experience.

**Before Going:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Once we form a fellow team, we will meet at a cadence of between once every two weeks to every four weeks to conceptualize and prepare for the implementation of the team's projects. OVAAT will also conduct three group pre-orientation training on cultural norms and basic language training before the immersive experience. Before their departure, fellows should receive their yellow fever and COVID vaccines and receive a starter dose of malaria prophylactics. fellows should also apply and receive a Ugandan [electronic single-entry tourist visa](#) before arrival.

**Arrival and Departure:** We encourage fellows to arrive at Entebbe airport on either Saturday or Sunday before the start of the fellowship on Monday. For each day that the fellows arrive before Saturday, after your trip, we encourage fellows to depart from Entebbe airport on Saturday or Sunday.

**During the Fellowship:** During the weekdays, fellows will stay in Naigobya Village in basic accommodation living with all other fellows. There will be enough electricity to charge your phones and for night lighting, but sporadic internet. There will be running water and bucket showers. Your meals will consist of locally grown and sourced Ugandan food. During the weekends, fellows will stay in Jinja city in a resort with reliable electricity, running water, and internet. Food will have more diversity in Jinja City.

**Optional Trips and Safari:** During three weekends over the six-week fellowship, OVAAT will provide optional weekend trips - Sipi Falls, Jinja, and Kagulu Rock/canoeing on Lake Kyoga. This will not be covered in the fellows' tuition. At the end of the fellowship, fellows will have the opportunity to participate in a Safari at Murchison Park for four days at an extra cost. Costs of the optional trips and the safari will be lower than the prices found online due to our local connections.

**Lecture Series and Global Health Didactics:** We will host guest speakers with expertise in global health or leadership. Dates and speakers are TBD, but speakers in the past have included Dr. Specioza Wandila Kazibwe (Presidential advisor on Health, Prof. Wasswa Balunywa (Principle Makerere business School Dr. Peter Waiswa (Advisory Board of the World Health Organization and District Health Officers. These lectures will occur on a select number of Fridays. We will also conduct journal clubs, case studies, and other global health didactics during Fridays.

**Expectations:** We expect all fellows to be engaged and respectful to other students, staff, and community members. All Fellows are expected to conduct themselves with the highest degree of professionalism with regard to punctual attendance, integrity, and respect for the viewpoints of others