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1. Grand Valley Announcements and Events

Enjoy your summer!

Please note the CLAS Academic Advising Center will be open throughout the summer, Monday-Friday, 8-5.

2. Program Announcements

University of Michigan PIBS

PIBS is hosting its annual **Fall Preview Event, October 6-8, 2011.**

Preview includes:

- :An all-expense-paid visit for selected participants
- :Activities and workshops on applying and attending graduate school at UM including the PIBS Fall Open House on October 8
- :One-on-one and group interactions with faculty
- :Networking with current graduate students and peers from across the country
- :Tour of campus, facilities and the city of Ann Arbor

Application deadline: 8/15/11

(Application opens mid-May)

Explore more information about PIBS Preview online

<http://umichgrad.custhelp.com/rd?1=AvUE~wo7DP8SRSj~GjEe~yL~Jvsq~8L~LRUTajr~&2=83>.

Competitive candidates will possess extensive research experience, two letters of recommendation, plans to pursue a PhD (particularly starting fall 2012 for PIBS or 2013 for the combined MD/PhD program) and a background that contributes to diversity in the biomedical sciences at Michigan. Students from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, low-income family backgrounds, first-generation U.S. citizens, and first-generation college students are especially encouraged to apply.

Information about PIBS

PDF overview of PIBS:

<http://umichgrad.custhelp.com/rd?1=AvUE~wo7DP8SRSj~GjEe~yL~Jvsq~8L~LRUTajr~&2=116>

PDF overview of Ann Arbor:

<http://umichgrad.custhelp.com/rd?1=AvUE~wo7DP8SRSj~GjEe~yL~Jvsq~8L~LRUTajr~&2=115>

Preview flyer:

<http://umichgrad.custhelp.com/rd?1=AvUE~wo7DP8SRSj~GjEe~yL~Jvsq~8L~LRUTajr~&2=162>

3. PostBac Programs

AMCAS Information on PostBac Programs

Why Enroll in a Post Baccalaureate Program?

There are many reasons to enroll in a Post Baccalaureate Premedical Program (often called *PostBac* program for short). Some are designed for career changers; some are geared to students who need to complete coursework in requisite undergraduate science courses; other programs focus on those applicants who would like to improve their GPA's. Another group of programs are specifically designed to assist persons from groups underrepresented in medicine or from educationally or economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Here is a link that allows you to search for PostBac programs based on your specific situation:

<http://services.aamc.org/postbac/>

4. Global Health and Volunteer Opportunities

International Service Learning

www.ISLonline.org

ISL is now accepting applications for Christmas Break. Service Learning opportunities provide valuable patient care experience to students and essential health services to communities in need.

Their mission

ISL strives to enhance academic learning through service experience while providing quality health care and other services to the underserved. We utilize in-country professionals and offer practical experience through programs which observe the highest level of ethical standards and inspire students to a lifestyle of service.

Who they are

ISL is an international educational non-governmental organization. Since 1993, they have offered medical, educational, and general service volunteer programs to university students, post graduates, and professionals from hundreds of institutions both nationally and internationally.

Who they serve

ISL sends medical, dental, optometry, physical therapy, public health, veterinary, education, and general service teams to help the poor and underserved in Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Africa. They offer their services to populations needing assistance as directed by local governments and professionals.

For more information contact: Info@ISLonline.org

Unite For Sight's Global Impact Corps Program

Global Impact Corps: A Comprehensive and Unrivaled Global Health Experience

<http://www.uniteforsight.org/volunteer-abroad>

Unite For Sight's Global Impact Corps is a high-impact immersive global health experience for students and for professionals. Unite For Sight prides itself on offering the best global health experience for their Global Impact Fellows, coupled with the highest quality of healthcare delivery programs with their local clinic partners.

What do Global Impact Fellows do? Global Impact Fellows support and learn from the partner clinics' talented medical professionals who are social entrepreneurs addressing complex global health issues. Through hands-on, structured training, Global Impact Fellows gain a comprehensive understanding about best practices in global health and social entrepreneurship. Global Impact Fellows gain skills and are nurtured to become new leaders in global health, and they receive a Certificate in Global Health & Program Delivery.

Global Impact Fellows come from very diverse backgrounds, including those interested in public health, medicine, international development, social entrepreneurship, and the social sciences. Global Impact Fellows participate daily with local doctors to eliminate patient barriers to care and to facilitate comprehensive year-round eye care for patients living in extreme poverty. They assist with patient education, visual acuity screening, patient intake, distributing the glasses and medication prescribed by the local eye doctors, and other important support tasks. They also have the opportunity to observe the surgeries provided by the local doctors. Additionally, Global Impact Fellows may participate in the Global Impact Lab, an optional program for those interested in pursuing global health research. For example, current Global Impact Fellows are pursuing research studies about medication management, the use of visual resources for patient education, traditional medicine practices, and patient barriers to care.

See more volunteer accounts at <http://www.uniteforsight.org/volunteer-abroad/volunteer-accounts>

Locations of Year-Round Health Care Delivery:

(volunteer for 7 days, 15 days, 20 days, 4 weeks, 6 weeks, 8 weeks, 10 weeks, or more)

Accra and Kumasi Regions, Ghana
Northern and Ashanti Regions, Ghana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Patna, India
Dhenkanal, India

Complete details online at <http://www.uniteforsight.org/volunteer-abroad>

"If you can imagine it, you can create it. If you dream it, you can become it."

-William Arthur Ward