

**College of Public Health and Human Sciences
Oregon State University**

Botswana Global Health Internship Program

Summer 2019

Program dates: June 28 – August 9, 2019
Program location: Maunatlala, Botswana



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Supported by the Robert & Sara Rothschild Endowment Fund, the Botswana Global Health Internship Program offers OSU students a “hands on” global learning, cross-cultural training, and community-based work opportunities. The program is designed to target students from diverse academic backgrounds and interests, including public health, nursing, agricultural sciences, engineering, environmental sciences, social sciences, etc. Student interns work as part of a team of interns and professors on projects related to understanding local cultural practices and beliefs, impact of infrastructure on everyday life and health, education and health infrastructure and services, community food and nutrition, in-clinic and outreach services provided by the local community clinic and health outposts, and related topics.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Botswana Global Health Internship Program offers student interns an opportunity to understand community perspectives on health and health care (health needs, social and cultural determinants of health, informal health care, availability and utilization of state-supported health care services, etc.); to gain an understanding of the local infrastructure and environmental issues, (e.g. housing, roads, water and sanitation, means of subsistence, access to technology, education and health services, etc.); to build local capacity by directly working with youth and other key stakeholders in the community; and to develop culturally sensitive, locally appropriate, and technologically innovative programming to meet the community needs.

Student interns will be expected to enroll in a 1-credit pre- pre-departure orientation course in Spring term to learn more about the program, social and cultural life in Botswana, and data collection methods

(systematic non-participatory observation, participant observation, one-on-one interviews, and focus group discussions) that will be used during the internship program.

LOCATION

The program will begin in Gaborone with an on-site orientation session. Students will then be transported to Maunatlala – a village in the Central District of Botswana. It is located approximately 221 miles from Gaborone, the capital city of Botswana. Maunatlala’s population is approximately 4,500.

LANGUAGE

English adopted by the government in Botswana as the official language of the country; however, many in the rural parts of the country speak Setswana and other native languages.

HOUSING & FOOD

Interns will be staying in a local guest house to allow them to immerse themselves in the culture and lifestyle of the village. Three meals will be provided; breakfast and dinner will be at the guest house while lunch will be usually pack up.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM DATES

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PROGRAM COST

\$2,500.00

This cost includes accommodation, meals, airport transfers upon arrival and departure in Gaborone, in-country travel, and local excursions. The cost does not include tuition, international airfare, passport, visa, and other personal expenses.

TUITION & INTERNSHIP CREDITS

By participating in the program, students will be able to earn up to 6 credits by registering for a 1-credit pre-departure orientation course in Spring 2019 and H 410 or H 510 for internship credits.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REGISTRY

All students participating in this program are required to register on the OSU’s International Travel Registry <http://international.oregonstate.edu/international-travel%20>. This registry is designed to capture travel information from students traveling internationally. Registration allows the University to assist with traveler health and safety concerns, travel insurance, and respond in the event of an emergency that involves the traveler or occurs within the country of travel. You can learn more about this by clicking on <http://risk.oregonstate.edu/international>.

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