The Center for Global Health was established at the University at Albany School of Public Health in September 2008 by Dean Philip Nasca under the direction of Professor Carol Whittaker. The purpose of the Center for Global Health is to serve as a focal point for international education, research collaborations, and programs.

**Our Mission**

Working in partnership with the School of Public Health and other academic departments of the University at Albany, the New York State Department of Health, and selected U.S. and international institutions, programs and individuals, the Center for Global Health addresses major global public health challenges through educational programs, capacity building projects, applied research, interventions, faculty and student exchanges, and evaluation.

**Our Vision**

By 2015, the Center for Global Health will be recognized internationally as a valued partner specializing in public health communication, education and training, collaborative research methods, and the design and implementation of evidence-based interventions to effectively address global public health challenges. The Center will achieve a reputation of excellence in all its undertakings.

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The Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program  
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What is the Coverdell Fellows Program?

The Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program is a graduate fellowship program for returned Peace Corps Volunteers that represents a unique opportunity for Volunteers to complete their graduate studies while also fulfilling the third goal of the Peace Corps service: helping Americans learn more about and better understand the cultures of other countries around the world.

Our Coverdell Fellows must complete an approved Fellowship Placement designed to address the needs of a local undeserved and/or at-risk community. Through these assignments our Fellows are able to “bring home, and expand upon, the skills they learned as Volunteers.” This includes skills such as cultural awareness, adaptability, language skills and working in low resource settings.

What are the financial incentives associated with becoming a Coverdell Fellow at the University at Albany School of Public Health?

While our Coverdell Fellows are required to pay regular tuition when enrolled as full-time students, they are eligible to have as many as nine hours of their overall internship credit requirement waived in recognition of their Peace Corps service and/or other public health work experience. This translates into a savings of up to $3,699 for in-state students and $6,885 for out-of-state students (based on 2013-2014 graduate tuition cost figures).

Upon successful completion of their Peace Corps Service, returned volunteers can be awarded one year of noncompetitive eligibility (NCE) for selection for federal employment. Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who are accepted into participating Coverdell Fellows Programs may, at the hiring agency’s prerogative, have their noncompetitive eligibility status extended up to three years from their Close of Service date (if they remain enrolled as full-time students).

How do I apply to become a Coverdell Fellow?

All Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) enjoy lifetime eligibility for the Coverdell Fellows Program. Some RPCVs choose to apply for the program immediately after returning to the US, but may do so at any time after successfully completing service.

To become a Coverdell Fellow at the University at Albany School of Public Health, you must have successfully completed your full Peace Corps service commitment. If you meet this criterion you can then apply to University at Albany School of Public Health through the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS) and submit separately the Center for Global Health’s Coverdell Fellows Application Form.

All prospective graduate students at University at Albany School of Public Health are required to apply through the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS). The application is online at http://www.sophas.org/.

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