**Strengthening Global Health Capacity at Chinese Universities**

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With support from the China Medical Board (CMB), the University of Washington (UW) invites collaboration with select Chinese universities to strengthen their capacity in global health. The UW proposes to offer a program of degree training, individualized faculty mentoring, and opportunities to engage in collaborative research in low and middle income countries. The program will be implemented over the 2013 and 2014 academic years in anticipation of expanding global health opportunities and funding in China.

We offer the following opportunities for capacity development in global health:

* **Global health degree programs** – The goal of this component is to provide cutting-edge training in global health implementation science, metrics and evaluation, health policy and health systems, and leadership and management for up to 8 young, rising-star Chinese faculty members or outstanding students who areidentified by Chinese universities as potential candidates for a faculty position related to global health. This component will offer two potential degree options, a PhD in Global Health Metrics and Implementation Science, which is the first program of its kind in the world, or an MPH in Global Health, which focuses on health policy and systems, and includes special tracks in Health Metrics and Evaluation, and in Leadership. Chinese students will each be matched with UW faculty mentors who will be selected on the basis of relevant content area expertise as a foundation for future collaboration. We anticipate one PhD student and up to three MPH students entering in each of the two years, funded by CMB.
* **Chinese Faculty Scholars program --** The goal of this component is to deliver individualized, intensively mentored training for up to four stellar junior or mid-career Chinese faculty who have been identified by their Chinese universities as on a trajectory for leadership positions in global health. The UW will offer a three to six month individualized Faculty Scholars fellowship, typically in the March-June period, that will include opportunities for academic course options in relevant areas such as implementation science, leadership, and management combined with experiential learning through collaboration in global health research with UW faculty, and research mentorship. This component is specifically designed with flexibility to meet the needs of emerging Chinese faculty leaders in global health who already have either a Master’s or PhD degree and/or who are unlikely to be able to leave their universities for long enough to complete the degrees. We anticipate supporting up to two faculty fellows per year.
* **Collaborative applied research opportunities for degree candidates and Faculty Scholars –** The program will provide opportunities to gain real-world experience in mentored, applied research with UW faculty and their colleagues in African or other low income country universities - or with Chinese government agencies involved in global health diplomacy and foreign assistance. These research projects will leverage support from international donors, foundations, or Chinese agencies. Research themes would be focused on health policy and systems research, implementation science, or other research in which Chinese and UW faculty collaboration creates strong synergies. Mentoring in protocol development, grant writing, and manuscript preparation will be included. These opportunities will help build the foundation for long-term global health research capacity and collaborations. CMB funds will support two Chinese faculty or students for their travel and their stipend costs for participation in the research.

**Selection process:** Candidates will be selected with input from partner universities to assure they are likely to strengthen university capacity in global health. Candidates for the PhD and MPH degree programs must meet academic requirements for the respective programs and demonstrate adequate oral and written English language skills to function effectively. The selection process will include both a written application and an interview component.

We trust that this cohort will not only build capacity in global health, but will also lay the foundation for long-term research and educational collaborations between Chinese universities and the UW.