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# UMBC International Field Research Program Application

## Personal Information

Name			UMBC Student ID Number (for example: XX0000)		
Mailing Address			Permanent Address		
City	State	Zip	City	State	Zip
Local or Mobile Telephone			Permanent Telephone		
Date of Birth			Country of Citizenship		
UMBC E-mail			May the UMBC Study Abroad Office release your name and e-mail to other program participants? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Ethnic heritage (U.S. citizens and permanent residents only): Your response is completely voluntary and will not affect consideration for any program. This information is gathered for statistical purposes only.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American or Alaskan Native |

Last Name _____ GPA _____	
<b>OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b>	
Last Name _____	Air Fare _____
Deposit #1 _____	IRB _____
Deposit #2 _____	Rail _____
Passport _____	Medex _____
Terms Agreement Acknowledged _____	Risk/Release _____
Scholars Program _____	Check issued _____

**Please turn  
over.**

Emergency Contact #1			Emergency Contact #2		
Address			Address		
City	State	Zip	City	State	Zip
Home Telephone			Home Telephone		
Work Telephone			Work Telephone		
May we contact this person in case of emergency? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			May we contact this person in case of emergency? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

### Academic Information

Major/Minor	Academic Advisor
Current Status <input type="checkbox"/> FR <input type="checkbox"/> SO <input type="checkbox"/> JR <input type="checkbox"/> SR <input type="checkbox"/> GRAD	Status When Overseas <input type="checkbox"/> FR <input type="checkbox"/> SO <input type="checkbox"/> JR <input type="checkbox"/> SR <input type="checkbox"/> GRAD
Anticipated Graduation Date	Current GPA
Are you receiving or have you applied for financial aid through the UMBC Financial Aid Office? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you currently receive any scholarships, either through UMBC or an outside source? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, which kind of financial aid or scholarships?	
Has disciplinary action been initiated or taken against you at UMBC? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, please attach a statement describing the incident and its resolution.</i>	

I realize that without approval from my academic advisor or the representative of the UMBC Academic Services Office, courses taken overseas may not be applicable to my degree program. I accept full responsibility for my registration under this condition. I have read and understood the conditions of this application. I hereby certify that the information given above is complete and accurate. If not, I understand that cancellation of admission may result.

**If you are under the age of 18, the signature of your parent or legal guardian is required.**

Signature of Applicant	Date
Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date



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## International Field Research Application Procedures

**Congratulations on your decision to study abroad!** You are about to undertake a life-changing experience. The UMBC Department of Health Administration and Public Policy (HAPP) and the Study Abroad Office (SAO, for short) want to do all that it can to help you prepare for your time overseas.

Your first step in participating in the UMBC Affiliate Program is submitting an application. Please read the application instructions carefully. As part of the application procedure, we require you to submit the following pieces of information:

- The attached completed UMBC International Field Research Application Form.
- A short essay (500 word limit, 12 font) in which you describe why you are interested in this program. Please include your rationale for applying to the International Field Research Program and any pertinent background information. For example, if you are interested in a career in health, aging, or scientific research, you might discuss any key issues or considerations associated with the career decisions facing you. How will this be instrumental in achieving your academic goals? Is this related to, or a requirement of your academic program?
- Unofficial UMBC Transcript
- Program deposit of \$200.00, cash or check payable to UMBC.
- Copy of current Passport

**Application Deadline: December 1, 2015 to Admin 222**

***\*\*Fellowships of up to \$1000 available\*\****

**There is a limit of 24 participants. Early application is strongly recommended.**

**For additional information:** contact Mary Stuart, [stuart@umbc.edu](mailto:stuart@umbc.edu), or see the website [ifr.umbc.edu](http://ifr.umbc.edu)

To be considered a complete application, all applications must be accompanied by a \$200 deposit. Deposits will only be returned if the student is not accepted into the program or declines the invitation. Deposits can be placed on hold for the next class offering, however.

## Courses

Which of the following course(s) do you want to register for? (permission only)

HAPP/SOCY 403      SOCY 663 (*current grad students only, or by permission*)

## Research themes

Rank your research theme interest according to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> choices:

### **A lifespan approach to health and happiness**

How do public policy, clinical practice, and personal choices interact to help individuals of all ages maintain healthy lifestyles? How does stress management affect health and quality of life? How can we be more sensitive to the complexity, interactivity, and cultural diversity of communities, both urban and rural? This team uses an international perspective to investigate the many factors that can influence public health.

### **Scientific and medicine: revolution, and societal change**

Switzerland has a history of scientific innovation and development, including the Large Hadron Collider, a world class transportation system, some of the longest tunnels in the world, pharmaceutical and technological research, and famous historical figures such as Einstein, Paracelsus, and Carl Jung. This team studies the context and consequences of major changes in science, medicine, and technology.

### **Environmental sustainability, climate change, and technology**

Switzerland is one of the top rated countries for environmental policy. Climate change has far reaching implications for the environment, including accelerating glacial melt, water supply, disaster preparation, infrastructure investment, and the economy, making Switzerland a microcosm for studying the environment and sustainability.

### **Arts and the humanities**

The arts and humanities challenge us to understand what it means to be human. Visit Roman ruins, explore the historical role of women and children, retrace the footsteps of famous authors, visit castles and cathedrals, or research community music and art. Use your Swiss Pass for access to numerous museums and cultural opportunities!

### **Cultural heritage, politics, and national identity**

Switzerland is comprised of four geographic regions with different languages. It is a global model for the successful political integration of distinct ethnic groups. Governance is decentralized, with considerable participation by citizens. Switzerland also has one of the strongest economies in the world. The Swiss are reported to be one of the happiest of populations. How do they do it? What are key factors in their success?

### **Disaster aid and international relief**

Switzerland has long been a leader, internationally, in supporting organizations dedicated to humanitarian aid and relief work. The World Health Organization, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and the Conference on Disarmament are headquartered in Geneva, as well as the international Red Cross/ Red Crescent.

## Key Dates

- Application Deadline: December 1, 2015 to Admin 222 for complete application**
- After notification of selection, you will receive permission to enroll in linked course(s) spring 2016
- Second deposit installment of \$1750 (less fellowship funding) due March 21, 2016**

- ❑ **Provide copy of current passport with application** - You should begin the process of obtaining a passport if you do not already have one. Make sure a current passport will be valid through the dates of planned travel. If you are traveling on a passport other than US issued, please make sure you do not need a visa or other documentation to travel out of the country.
- ❑ **Travel:** The IFR program will meet in Kandersteg, Switzerland June 20-26, 2016. The IFR program will cover the bulk of the cost of room and board, but students are responsible for their own air and train travel.

**I was referred to the IFR program through** \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read the program information provided and have noted the key dates as described above and on the website [ifr.umbc.edu](http://ifr.umbc.edu).*

*I understand that I may be disqualified if I do not meet all listed deadlines.*

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name