Student Awards and Scholarships

Baker, Reinke, Taylor Scholarship in International Health
Arielle Mancuso, Health Systems

Established in 2004, this scholarship commemorates over 100 combined years of dedicated public health service by Drs. Timothy D. Baker, William Reinke and Carl E. Taylor. The efforts of these three men were instrumental in establishing the field of international health as a distinct discipline. This fund supports graduate students in the Department of International Health and is targeted toward students working in the following areas: organization of health delivery systems, community-based healthcare or injury control in less developed countries.

Clements – Mann Fellowship
Brittany Kmush, GDEC

Jessica Atwell, GDEC
Mary Lou Clements-Mann, MD, MPH, and her husband Jonathan Mann, MD, MPH, visiting professor of Health Policy and Management, died in September 1998 when Swiss Air Flight 111 to Geneva crashed into the North Atlantic. The Manns were at the forefront of the worldwide struggle against AIDS. Drs. Clements-Mann was an internationally known physician who devoted most of her career to developing and testing vaccines to combat respiratory viruses, AIDS, and diarrheal diseases. She was the founding director of the Center for Immunization Research, where she worked with colleagues to develop the master’s and doctoral programs in vaccine sciences. Dr. Jonathan Mann founded the World Health Organization’s AIDS program and was one of the first scientists to bring the international AIDS crisis to the world’s attention. The Clements-Mann Fellowship was established by family members, friends, and colleagues as a tribute to Mary Lou and Jonathan’s tireless devotion to vaccine development, research, and human rights. The fund supports outstanding graduate students working in vaccine sciences.

Global Health Field Research Awards
Jasmine Blake, Health Systems
Daniel Erlichk, GDEC

Arielle Mancuso, Health Systems

Alexandra Searle, Health Systems
Rachel Turkel, SBI

This program provides grants for undergraduate and graduate students to work with a mentor on a global health project in a developing country.

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Robert & Helen Wright Fund
Samira Sami, DrPH program
Kwame Sakyi, SBI

Created in 1983 with donations from family members and friends of former International Health faculty member Robert Wright, MD, MPH ‘84. The Fund provides support for continuous doctoral students who expect to contribute to the improvement of public health in Africa, particularly in Nigeria.

Diana Hess Scholarship
Carina Rosado, Health Systems

In 1983 the Diana Hess Memorial Fund was established with contributions from her family and friends. Diana Hess, a former Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, was devoted to improving public health in Africa. The Hess Fund provides an annual scholarship to students in the Department of International Health. The award is based on academic and professional accomplishments and need for financial support. Preference is given to those planning to work in Africa.

Nancy Stephens Fund
Goro Yamada GDEC
Allison Nelson, GDEC

Established in 1970 as the International Health Fund, this fund provides grants to master’s or doctoral students in the Department who are completing their degrees. For 37 years Nancy Stephens was the immensely popular student coordinator in the Department. At her retirement in 2001, Dr. Robert Black honored her by renaming this fund the Nancy Stephens Student Support Fund.

John Snow Award
Ruthy Francois, GDEC
Julia Kaminsky, SBI

John Snow Inc.’s mission is to provide an extensive range of research and consulting services to the health care and service sectors. The International Division provides technical assistance designed to enhance the effectiveness and quality of public health programs. The John Snow, Inc. Award, an annual award created in 2001, provides financial assistance to outstanding, second-year master’s students in the Department who are engaged in internships in the field.

Humanitarian Assistance Award
Ann Suk, Human Nutrition
Kia Guarino, Health Systems

This fund provides support to master’s and doctoral students interested in improving humanitarian response and health for refugees, displaced persons and populations affected by conflict and natural disasters.

Georgeda Buchbinder Award
Alexandra Searle, Health Systems

Dr. Georgeda Buchbinder received her MPH from the School in 1984. She then moved to Hawaii and began a public health career by teaching Population Science and International Health. Her career was progressing extraordinarily well when she was diagnosed with cancer. This fund was established by friends and colleagues after her death to celebrate her all-too-brief career in public health. This fund annually supports students, junior faculty, or other priority projects in international health.

Richard Morrow Award
Kendra Williams, SBI

This scholarship is in honor of Richard H. Morrow, MD, MPH, who was a professor in the Department from 1991 until his death in 2013. Dr. Morrow was an pioneer in the field of health systems and international public health, is remembered for his brilliance, curiosity, humility, humor, generosity, grace, and above all, his integrity.

The Mary and Carl Taylor Fund
Nicholas Fancourt, Health Systems

The Mary and Carl Taylor Fund was created in 1995 with contributions from faculty and alumni in honor of the Taylors’ commitment to the students of the School of Public Health and to improving international health through research and action. The fund provides support to a student working in the area of international bioethics.

The Elsa Orent Keiles Fellowship in Human Nutrition

Zaynah Chowdhury, Human Nutrition

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Mathuram Santosham, MD, MPH ’75, professor, Health Systems, was awarded the 2014 Fries Prize for Improving Health for his contribution to children’s health around the world. The award was in recognition of his research and contribution to fighting the deadly Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) disease. As a result of this work, every country in the world has made the decision to use the Hib conjugate vaccine.

Kate O’Brien, MD, MPH ’94, professor, GDEC, was inducted into the Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame for her outstanding contributions to scientific research and for bringing scientific evidence to the realm of public health decision-making. The Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Maryland Commission for Women, Women Legislators of Maryland, and the Maryland Department of Human Resources.

David Peters, MD, MPH ’89, DrPH ’93, professor and chair, was appointed Vice-Chair of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Institute for Population and Public Health and was elected Chair of the Board for the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research.

Peter Winch, MD, MPH ’88, professor, SBI, was awarded the undergraduate Golden Apple Award for teaching Global Health Principles and Practices.

Larissa Jennings, MHS ’05, PhD ’09, assistant professor, SBI, was awarded the Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching by the Bloomberg School’s Student Assembly for teaching Qualitative Research I: Theory and Methods.

Professor Joanne Katz, ScD ’93, MS, professor, GDEC, was awarded the Data for Life Prize by CappSci. The award will allow her to test the feasibility of community-based portable ultrasound use to reduce intrapartum-related fetal and neonatal death in rural Sarlahi District, Nepal.

Allison Barlow, PhD, MPH ’97, MA, assistant scientist, Health Systems, received the 2014 Indian Health Service Director’s Award. The award honors those who have helped raise the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native people and who have demonstrated extraordinary achievements in public health leadership.

The Harry D Kruse Fellowships and the Harry D Kruse Publication Awards in Nutrition

The Kruse family also makes two other nutrition awards possible. These awards honor the work and memory of Doug’s father, Harry D Kruse. Harry, a protégé of EV McCullum, received his ScD from Hopkins in 1926 and became a distinguished member of the Department of Biochemistry. After leaving the University, he became the Executive Secretary of the NY Academy of Medicine where he published an impressive body of work.

Since 1987, the Center for Human Nutrition has awarded the Harry D Kruse Fellowship to support doctoral candidates in nutrition who display outstanding achievement and promise (Dr. Cogswell was its 1989 recipient). And since 2010, the Kruse Publication Awards have provided incentive for program students to publish their research in a peer-reviewed journal prior to graduation.