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**Interdisciplinary Summer Rotation for students From Rutgers -RWJMS, graduate students from GSAPP, and students from Rutgers Honor College (starts in 2020)**

**PUCMM Pontificia Universidad Catolics Madre y Maestra,** Santiago, Dominican Republic

[**www.pucmm.edu.do**](http://www.pucmm.edu.do)

clinical site**: Central De Primer Nivel Hato Del Yaqae, PUCMM**. <https://www.facebook.com/cpn.hatodelyaque>

**Dates:**

July 8 and ends on Aug.2, 2019, 4 weeks for medical students, 2 weeks for GSAPP students.

**Number of Students:**

Not to exceed 4 students from RWJMS, (4 students from Rutgers Honor College in 2020) and 2 students from GSAPP each year. Along with medical students from PUCMM.

**Coordinators:**

Dr. Michelle Maria Jimenez Azcona, MD, PhD, Directora, Escuela de Medicina, PUCMM.

Dr. Yokasta Rosario Bermosen Almonte, Medicinea Familiar y Comunitaria- Central De Primer Nivel Hato Del Yaqae, PUCMM.

Dr. Javier I Escobar – Associate Dean for Global Health, Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Dr. Karen W Lin – Assistant Dean for Global Health, Rutgers. – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Dr. Ernani Sadural – director, Global Health, RWJ Barnabas.

Dr. Angelica Diaz-Martinez – Assistant Director for Clinical Training, Clinical Department Clinical Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology, Rutgers University.

Dr. Ramon Anulfo Lopez, consultant, Fundacion Sol Naciente, Inc Foundation, ex- Minister of Health, Dominican Republic

**Requirements:**

1. To truly benefit from the experience, at least an intermediate level of proficiency in Spanish (B1 level) is required.
2. Complete standard application form
3. Send curriculum vitae in Spanish and Englis
4. Send copy of valid passport and documentation of vaccines.
5. Health insurance policy~~.~~

**Arrival in Santiago, DR:**  
You will arrive at Cibao International Airport (STI), Santiago Airport in Santiago, Dominican Republic. This is the main airport. It is located about 10 miles away from city center. The trip by car takes between 20 minutes.   
Approximate cost of transportation to/from airport:

* Taxi  = $ 14 USD (700P/50P)
* Uber = $ 6 USD each way (300P/50P)

**Transportation in Santiago:**  
Within the metropolitan área, there is public transportation network that connects the various neighborhoods of the city. The public bus (OMSA.com), or public car (A, K, M- more frequently than bus) inside city, costs 25 pesso per trip.  
We will try to have a peer (a local medical student) who will initially guide you through this process.  
  
Transportation from apartment to PUCMM: walking  
Transportation to clinic near Santiago: free shuttle bus provided by PUCMM to Central De Primer Nivel - Hato Del Yaqae.

Weekend transportation: Public bus (2 USD) one way per student.

Uber ($5 USD) one way per student, may share. There is no Lift available.  
  
**Housing Arrangements:**  
Housing will be arranged, students in pairs with host families within walking distance to PUCMM via underground walkway. Host families who will provide room and board (breakfast, dinner, laundry), access to kitchen and refrigerator in case you want to prepare your own meals. Families will help with the cultural immersion and provide orientation on the city including transportation and safety.

The estimated cost will be $ 100 USD per week for each student.  
  
**Passport and Visa:**  
While US citizens do not need a visa to enter Dominican Republic, you will need to present, at the immigration post when entering the country, “visiting” is good reason to enter.  We will consider to obtain an official letter of invitation from PUCMMsupporting your visit before you depart.   
  
**Currency:**  
The currency is the  Pesos Dominicanos. Currently, the exchange rate is around

50 pesos = 1 USD.You will be responsible to cover the cost of lunch daily, as well as transportation and personal expenses.   
Note:  stores and businesses only accept Pesos Dominicanos currency (cash) or credit cards.   
You can change US dollars (passport required). You can also get currency (cash) at ATM machines. Airport has worst rate.  
  
**Vaccines:**  
Certificates of vaccination for Hepatitis B, chickenpox, measles, are required. No other specific vaccines are required to travel to area with chickengunia, zeka virus

**Dress Code:**  
Casual dress for courses and other activities within the university. White coats with IDs in the clinic.

Medical students - Please bring your own stethoscope. Slacks preferred cultually, no dress/no skirt.  
  
**Recommendations for miscellaneous practical issues:**  
Weather: summer is hot (90 > Santiago’s weather is temperate and relatively humid, with and average temperature of 22° C (about 72 degrees Fahrenheit), Most days are sunny, and a daily temperature that ranges between 12°C y 31°C.   
  
What to Pack? -- Raincoat, light sweater, umbrella; passport and contact information;  
needed medications; suntan lotion; comfortable shoes and clothing; white coats for hospital and clinical activities; swimwear and most importantly, an open mind!  
  
**Security (safety) recommendations:**

* If you need transportation, please make sure you call a taxi that is reliable, using the Easy Taxi or Uber apps in your cellular phone. Host family can be a source to recommend transportation.
* Carry your passport with you. We recommend that you make a copy to bring with you. Do not openly display jewelry or other valuables. (fanny pack or under shirt)
* Keep your personal items in a secure place, particularly when walking or public transportation.
* For emergencies, dial the number 911
* Travel insurance (Assist Card) is recommended as a protection for risks, medical emergencies and potential losses.  
  The PUCMM or clinic cannot be held responsible for losses or other damages to your personal property.

**Important Contact Information:** (pending)  
The office of international relations of PUCMM, Name, phone number E-mail:

**Budget Estimate:**  
The approximate cost of the 4-week program to each student is:

* Food and Incidentals: $  lunch and weekend on your own.
* Transportation : if you take free PCUMM shuttle, only weekends on your own.
* Transportation from and to airport =  $14 USD for Taxi or $12 USD uber
* Housing = $ 100 USD weekly (400 USD monthly for each student)
* Flight from the US = ~ $ 500 USD direct roundtrip flight
* Medical Spanish tutoring = $ \_\_USD per student (may arrange students from language department)
* Administrative Costs = $\_\_\_USD per student

**Specific details on the academic and clinical programs:**

The program -4 weeks for medical students/honor college students, and 2 weeks for GSAPP students.

Facility:

PUCMM campus, every morning, medical Spanish, medical school course for Rutgers students in the same classroom with medical students from PUCMM.

Yaqae clinic in Santiago: every afternoon 1-4 pm to observe primary care and mental health care.

* 1. Week 1-2: (RWJMS faculty will be available initially) obtain students ID, orientation, connecting with PUCMM students, settle with host families. Go to classroom in mornings, and clinic in afternoons. There are 5 examination rooms, each student paired with PCUMM student and individual attending. Alejandro Mauricio, the Coordinator of International Students Mobility.
  2. Week 2-3: identified weeks for GSAPP faculty and graduate students to come, observe side-by-side of medical student and faculty, interaction of integration of mental health to primary care setting. may be able to set up one or two visits to Psych Centers. Will discuss with Melissa Rivera, Director of Psych School.
  3. RWJBH community educators: (Dr. Sadural will be available) 3rd week, from RWJBH, for community education at Yaqae Clinic.
  4. 4th week: Closing ceremony: Friday of 4th week, Rutgers student presentation, all invited: the faculty of PUCMM, Dr. Escobar, Roman Lopez. people from RWJBH.Etc.