CALL FOR PAPER PROPOSALS

The Center of Expertise on Migration and Health
at the University of California

First Annual Research Training Workshop
May 13-14, 2010, Weaver Conference Center, UC San Diego

The UC Center of Expertise on Migration and Health (COEMH), a component of the UC-wide Global Health Institute, is a ten-campus, interdisciplinary program whose mission is to improve health and eliminate health disparities of international migrants, refugees, and internally displaced people around the world. The COEMH will hold its first annual, interdisciplinary Research Training Workshop on May 13-14 at UC San Diego. The workshop will serve as a showcase for research being undertaken by graduate students and recent postdoctoral scholars throughout the UC system relating to migration and health. Graduate students and postdocs will present their current or recently completed research (thesis proposals are acceptable). UC faculty members will serve as discussants, providing expert feedback on the students’ work and commenting on its relevance to their own research. Additional mentoring will be provided through one-on-one meetings between participating students and faculty members. A selection of papers presented at the workshop will be published electronically as COEMH Working Papers and edited for publication as a special issue of a peer-reviewed journal. A prize for the best paper will also be awarded.

Approximately 30 graduate students and postdocs and 15 faculty members will participate in the workshop. Research topics to be discussed include:

- Behavioral and socio-economic determinants of migrants’ health
- Occupational and environmental health issues confronting migrants
- Health issues for children in immigrant families
- Health outcomes in migrants’ communities of origin and destination
- Health care delivery and policy issues

Who can participate

Graduate students and postdoctoral scholars based at all UC campuses, including professional school students, are invited to apply for admission to the Workshop. The organizing committee will select up to 30 student participants, based on the quality of proposals, their relevance to COEMH research objectives, and disciplinary, geographic, and gender representation. Non-local participants may request financial support to cover their travel and lodging expenses.

How to apply

By March 15, send a proposal containing the following elements to:
Micah Gell-Redman, COEMH Graduate Research Assistant, micah.gr@gmail.com

- Description of your research project (2-5 pages)
- Your curriculum vitae
- Letter of support from your principal faculty mentor
- Request for travel and lodging support, if needed.

All documents should be submitted in electronic form. Applicants will be notified by April 15.