

### Program fees include:

- Pre-departure materials (a Country Handbook and Program Guide) in order to assist students with their preparation to join a CFHI program.
- Expert Management via an experienced, U.S.-based staff (supported by a volunteer board of directors) who serve as your coordinators, liaisons and advisors with our in-country partners.
- Local Coordinators (whom students can contact at any time during the four weeks of the program) to provide cultural orientation, clinical placements, supervision, evaluations and guidance throughout a student's stay. For the most part, CFHI maintains both a Medical Director and Program Coordinators for each site.
- Placement - in the program of a student's choice, based on his/her skills and interests, including all the coordination, in-person visits and communication necessary with each local medical professional or organization.
- Accommodation and Meals, providing a student with a comfortable, safe place to live, the basic amenities, most meals, and support by in-country coordinators whom students can contact at any time.
- In-country materials and meetings (Cultural Orientation Workbook, Program Assessment and, where applicable, language materials), including all in-country informational materials and curriculum, in order to guide a student through his/her experience with our partners.
- Spanish Language Courses are included in Spanish-speaking sites. Countries where English is regularly spoken do not include this aspect. Students have the option to pay for more classes before or during the program (highly recommended). Students should consult the language school materials you receive at the beginning of the program of the cost of additional courses.
- Emergency Health and Medical Evacuation Insurance is included as part of the program fee. By leveraging the number of students we send each year, we have been able to negotiate a reduced cost for these important insurance requirements for traveling abroad.

### Other Services that CFHI Provides

By appealing to various donors, CFHI raises extra money to further support the communities with whom we partner.

- **Community Initiatives** - CFHI gives out small grants for [community healthcare projects](#) initiated by our global partners. We began our grant-making by raising funds for a mobile surgical unit for the jungle areas of in the early 1990's. We also support [professional development](#) opportunities and medical supply re-distribution through our [Recover](#) program, which has shipped over \$8million worth of supplies since 1995.
- **Scholarships** - In 2003, CFHI launched its first scholarship program, aimed at those people traditionally underrepresented in our programs, financially and otherwise. Through our fundraising efforts, CFHI was able to offer 9 spots in 2006, and expanded to offer 13 scholarships in 2007 and 2008.

- **Alumni Fellowships** - 2008 sees the sixth class of [Alumni Fellows](#), who are CFHI alumni selected to act as liaisons and assistants for the busy summer months for CFHI and our partners due to their excellent leadership skills. Fellows work with local coordinators to prepare host communities for the arrival of CFHI program participants and to plan the 4-week clinical rotation for a period of approximately 11 weeks. Fellows receive a stipend for their activities, in addition to round-trip airfare and in-depth training.

Note: Many students [fundraise](#) among their friends, relatives and colleagues for their program fees.

#### **What is not included in the program fee?**

- Costs associated with obtaining a visa or immunizations (when needed).
- International airfare and corresponding airport departure taxes.
- Personal internet time and (domestic and international) phone calls, other than for an emergency.
- Laundry service (depending upon program site).
- Inter-city transport (depending upon program site).
- Local transportation to and from clinic assignments (depending upon program site).
- Personal travel expenses in-country.
- Activities (cultural or otherwise) outside what is stated above. Other activities may be offered by local coordinators for an additional cost. We recommend students read the Program Guide well and budget accordingly.