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Global Health Institute



How to Apply

HGHI Summer Internship & Research Opportunities	The Harvard Global Health Institute (HGHI) offers funded summer internships and research placements. These opportunities are for returning Harvard undergraduates only and are 8-10 weeks long. They include both domestic and international placements in laboratories and research groups; field work with hospitals and community health clinics; and office-based internships with NGOs and nonprofits. **Funding for independent internships and research projects is also available through a separate CARAT application.**
Applications Open:	December 2026
Applications Close:	Pre-arranged internships: February 1, 2027 11:59 PM.

Apply via CARAT

Application Instructions

1. Visit the Centralized Application for Research and Travel (CARAT) site and find the Harvard Global Health Institute (Research & Internships) funding source.

2. Complete all the required fields in CARAT.

3. Upload all four documents in PDF format:
   - ☐ Cover Letter
   - ☐ Resume
   - ☐ Unofficial Transcript
   - ☐ Reference Form

More Details on required Documents:

Cover Letter **(500 Words Max)**	In your cover letter, please articulate why you want this position, how this experience will enhance your learning, and the ways you see it connecting to your future goals. Be specific! This should include details about the skills you'll bring to this specific position and include examples from relevant experiences. Some organizations ask that you address specific topics in your personal statement, so please make sure to check the position description for any specific application question. Address your statement to the "Selection Committee" and include a heading in the following format at the top: ○ First and Last name & Graduation Year ○ Concentration & Secondary Field, if applicable ○ The name of the organization or lab to which you are applying
Resume	This is an opportunity to highlight your experience. Please keep your resume to 1-2 pages.
Unofficial Transcript	You can obtain a copy of your latest online unofficial transcript including your fall course grades. To access your unofficial transcript: ○ Login to my.harvard.edu ○ Select Student Home at the top of the page ○ Under Grades, select Current Level, and then select View Unofficial Transcript ○ In the Academic Institution drop down menu, select Harvard University ○ In the Report Type drop down menu, select Harvard College. ○ Click View Report ○ Your Unofficial Transcript should open. (If you have a pop-up blocker, you may have to disable it to allow this page to open.) ○ Download and save in pdf format
References	References These are **not** letters of recommendation. Please download the form, fill in the information and re-upload the completed copy. We recommend choosing: ○ One academic reference: This should be from a faculty member, TF, Proctor/Tutor, RD, etc. who can comment on your academic initiative, interests, and competencies ○ One professional reference: This should be someone who knows you in a professional capacity and who can comment in detail about the positive skills and traits you possess Please notify your references that they may be contacted in February or March by our internship host organizations regarding your candidacy.

Selection Process

Each application is read by a committee at HGHI that makes the first round of decisions and narrows the pool to the top candidates. Generally, there are about 5 finalists for each internship. Applications are evaluated based on your:

- Personal statement: we assess how convincingly you argue that the internship is a suitable match for your goals and interests
- Resume: we evaluate whether your experience demonstrates your capability to handle the internship tasks effectively
- Transcript: we examine the connection between your coursework and the skills our organization requires

Timeline

Late February	All applicants will be notified if they are a finalist or not
February- March	Finalists interview with hosts
March-April	Finalists notified about offers or denials on a rolling basis
April- May	Pre-departure orientations
June- August	10 week student internships

Important Note

All application materials must be submitted to HGHI, and contacting organizations directly during the application and selection process is prohibited. Circumventing HGHI's selection process may result in the withdrawal of your application from consideration.

Application Guidance

If you have questions, please see these FAQs. For help with your cover letter and resume, please refer to these resources from OCS.



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