

Dear Program Director:

The Loma Linda University Department of Surgery in Loma Linda, California has a one year non-ACGME accredited clinically focused Global Surgery Fellowship (GSF) and is looking to find its next fellow to start August 1, 2021. The goal of the Global Surgery Fellowship is to prepare American-trained general surgeons to be competent and capable of performing the needed surgeries in rural, low-resource environments, and low- and middle-income countries (LMIC). The Global Surgery Fellowship furthers the Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) goal 'to make man whole' physically, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually by continuing Christ's healing and teaching ministry. It aims to address the overwhelming surgical needs throughout the developing world by enabling an increase in access to safe surgery globally.

In 2015, the World Health Organization recognized that the lack of access to safe surgical care results in 3-times more deaths than HIV, TB, and Malaria combined and the W.H.O. made Global Surgery a priority in public health. There are approximately five billion people around the globe who lack access to safe and affordable surgical and anesthesia care with a vast majority of those people living in the low-resource settings of LMIC. It is estimated that each year 143 million additional surgical procedures need to be done in Sub-Saharan Africa alone. The LLUH GSF will directly address surgery's indispensable part of health care in underserved areas and will positively affect the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by training surgeons to be capable and competent of surgery in rural, low-resource environments.

The Global Surgery Fellowship (GSF) is a one-year training program for American Board of Surgery eligible or certified general surgeons. It consists of eight months training at Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) in Loma Linda, California, 3 months of guidance and experience at Malamulo Adventist Hospital (MAH) in Malawi, Africa, and 1 month instruction in orthopedics at Hôpital Adventiste d'Haïti, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The fellowship training at LLUH will consist of rotations and case log completion in Obstetrics, Gynecology, Urology, Orthopedics, and Trauma, as well as Anesthesia, Neurosurgery, Pediatric Surgery, ENT, Plastic Surgery, Wound Care, Dentistry, Preventative Medicine, Tropical Disease, Public Health, financial literacy for organizations, and leadership in health administration. The fellow will be eligible to take the exam for the Diploma of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene after the completion of the required modules and in-person session. The fellow will complete at least one research paper focusing on a topic in Global Surgery.

LLUH is uniquely equipped for the GSF with its strong history of international service and its direct connection to a wide network of hospitals in low and middle income countries.

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This modus operandi of mission focus is evident in the multidisciplinary enthusiasm and support for the Department of Surgery's Global Surgery Fellowship.

The fellowship program director, Dr. Ryan Hayton, and assistant program director, Dr. Carlos Garberoglio, have a continued interest in meeting the global needs of surgery based on their real experience in providing surgical care in low-resource environments.

<u>Applicants must have completed an ACGME approved general surgery residency by</u> June 30, 2021 and be American Board of Surgery certified or eligible.

If interested, applicants must provide the following documents via e-mail to Nikki McCutchan, program coordinator at <u>nmccutchan@llu.edu</u>.

- > A letter of reference from the department chairman
- > A letter of reference from the program director
- > A person statement about surgical global health
- Current CV

Thank you and God Bless,

Ryan Hayton, MD FACS FCS (ECSA) Program Director

Fellowship Timeline for 2021

Interviews Type of Interview: Begin Fellowship December 2, 2020 Virtual - Zoom 08/01/2021