Global Short-Term Training Program (STTP) Opportunity in Vietnam

Participants will work with faculty at Hanoi Medical University (HMU), a local medical school in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Program Description: Participants will work with faculty at Hanoi Medical University (HMU) to assist in an implementation of a NIDA R01-funded science-of-health intervention for male sex workers in Hanoi. The program will involve support work for the NIDA research grant as well as clinical work including counseling, physical examinations, and testing for STIs. In addition, participants will also have the opportunity to contribute to a NIDA-funded project in which patients at HIV testing and treatment centers will be screened for substance use disorders and referred for substance use treatment when appropriate.

Language Requirement: Experience with Vietnamese is preferred, but not required.

Positions: Clinical Assistant, Research Assistant

Objective: To support the clinical and research staff implementing two NIH-funded research studies, to gain knowledge of HIV vulnerability and risks among men who have sex with men (MSM) and to collect data on the prevalence of substance use disorders among individuals receiving HIV testing and care in Vietnam.

Approximate Dates: June 9-July 18, 2014
**UCLA Mentor:** Richard A. Rawson, Ph.D., is the Director of UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs and Professor-in-Residence at the UCLA Department of Psychiatry, in which he has been a member for more than 20 years. He is the principal investigator of the SAMHSA/PEPFAR Cooperative Agreement for Workforce Development in the Vietnam: HIV-Addiction Technology Transfer Center and principal investigator of the NIDA-funded Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment Project in HIV testing and treatment centers in Vietnam.

**Estimated Costs:** ~$4680 (~$1,600 plane ticket; VISA ~$80; additional expenses including food on-site ~$1500; housing ~$1500).

**Living Situation:** Participants arrange their own housing with assistance provided by Hanoi Medical University staff.

**Pre-Departure requirements:**

1. Attend several in-person group meetings and teleconferences; must include topic presentations and presentation of project implementation plans (*dates TBD*).
2. Attend the UCLA Program in Global Health/DGSOM orientation (March 22, 2013).

**Deliverables on-site and after return home:**

1. Development of individual abstracts and individual poster presentation at the STTP Josiah Brown Poster Day at the end of the summer (July 31, 2013).
2. Participation in a post-experience evaluation session (July 31, 2013).

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