

## Funding a Global Health Elective

1. **RAD-AID:** RAD-AID is an international aid organization focused on improving radiology for poor and developing countries. **THIS PROGRAM HAS NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING AND ALSO CAN ADVISE ABOUT FUNDING SOURCES TO SUPPORT SUCH WORK.**
  - a. One option would be to participate in an already established RAD-AID program.
  - b. Another option would be to create your own global health elective. RAD-AID provides a comprehensive step-by-step guide at: <https://www.rad-aid.org/wp-content/uploads/Guide-to-Creating-an-Elective-Rotation-Abroad-for-Radiology-Residents.pdf>
  - c. For either of the above options, it would be very helpful to attend the **annual RAD-AID Conference** where you can consult with RAD-AID representatives and learn more about what they have to offer.
2. **Alumni**
  - a. Alumni of your training program are likely an untapped resource for funding.
    - i. If your program already has an established alumni society, you might consider requesting that funds be earmarked for financing a global health elective
      1. If you do this, funds need to support both a faculty member and at least one resident (note: you need faculty supervision for ACGME compliance).
    - ii. If your program does not have an established alumni society
      1. Send an informational letter/packet describing your proposed Global Health Elective to graduates of your residency/fellowship and ask for donations to finance this educational opportunity
        - a. You may want to consult your institution's Development Office as they may be able to help you with fundraising.
        - b. Keep in mind that many residency alumni may be skeptical about donating to the general departmental fund but are receptive to donate to specific causes such as global health outreach.
3. **American College of Radiology (ACR) and its state chapters**
  - a. The ACR has scholarships that support global health work.
    - i. **Goldberg-Reeder Resident Travel Grant** program provides travel awards each year to qualified radiology and radiation oncology residents and fellows seeking to spend at least onemonth assisting health care (preferably in radiology) in a developing country.

1. To apply for the Goldberg-Reeder Travel Grant, details can be found on the ACR website. The ACR typically funds up to 2 trainees each year.
  - b. The state chapters of the ACR may also have funds to support global health electives. Contact the state leadership to inquire about whether your state provides such funding.
    - i. For example, the North Carolina Radiological Society offers two travel fellowships of \$500 to support global health fellowships/initiatives every year.
  - c. State medical societies may also offer scholarships to support global health outreach. Contact your state medical society to inquire about these opportunities.
    - i. For example, the Massachusetts Medical Society offers the International Health Studies Grant in Action, which funds up to three medical students or trainees per year to undertake global health work.
- 4. Institutional or Departmental Global Health Programs**
  - a. Some institutions have global health electives sponsored by other departments, namely internal medicine, family practice or surgery. Some of these existing programs would welcome a radiologist to join the team. Reach out to your colleagues in other departments to learn more about what they might have to offer.
- 5. Doximity:** Doximity may have funding that will cover approved flights booked through their interface.
- 6. Religious affiliations:** Some religious organizations sponsor medical missionary trips. These volunteers are funded through those organizations.