Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital (Addis Ababa University)

**Site Location:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Supervisor:** Dr. Eskinder Kebede, Head of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department

**Site Description:** The College of Health Sciences (CHS), Addis Ababa University (AAU) is a professional health sciences college, established in 2009/10 by the reorganization of previously separate institutions of health under one umbrella. The CHS is comprised of four schools and one teaching hospital. The four schools are the School of Medicine (SoM), the School of Pharmacy (SoP), the School of Public Health (SPH) and the School of Allied Health Sciences (SAHS). The SAHS offers professional training in nursing, midwifery and medical laboratory technology. The Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital (TASH) is the teaching hospital of the College. TASH is the largest specialized hospital in Ethiopia, with over 700 beds, and serves as a training center for undergraduate and postgraduate medical students, dentists, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, medical laboratory technologists, radiology technologists, and others who shoulder the health problems of the community and the country at large.

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* Graduate program launched in 1979.

**For more information:** [http://www.aau.edu.et/aaubeta/chs/](http://www.aau.edu.et/aaubeta/chs/)

**Recommended readings:**
"Reproductive and child health with focus on Ethiopia and other developing countries" *(Can be provided to resident on arrival if unable to access here)*

**Costs:** Recipients of the Global Women’s Health Travel Award will receive $3,500 toward airfare, housing, and other living expenses for the 4-week block. Two winners will be selected for 2015-2016. Costs exceeding $3,500 will be covered by the resident. Housing and other arrangements will be coordinated with the on-site supervisors.

- Flight to reach destination: ~$1,500
- Training fees: ~$100
- Accommodations (local hotel): ~$80-95/day
- Food: ~$5-10/day
Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (MGIMS)

Site location: Sevagram, India

Supervisors: SP Kalantri MD, MPH Director Professor & Medical Superintendent at MGIMS and Medical Superintendent of Kasturba Hospital

Poonam Shivkumar: Professor and Head of Obs/Gyn Department at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute

Site Description: Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (MGIMS) was established in 1969 to provide quality education and healthcare especially keeping in mind the socioeconomic milieu of the rural masses. Kasturba Hospital at Sevagram has now grown into a nearly 1000-bed teaching hospital. Kasturba Hospital is a part of MGIMS- an institution consistently being ranked among the top 20 medical schools in the country. Beginning 1969, when MGIMS was founded, Kasturba Hospital has been committed to training and mentoring the next generation of international leaders in science and medicine, providing a wealth of opportunities for physicians, nurses, and other health professionals. Close to 2300 doctors have been trained in the hospital, and these talented men and women, in turn, lend fresh and innovative perspective on how to treat and care for patients. Kasturba Hospital is located in a village and our health professionals are conscious of the fact that our work ought to be guided by the felt needs- and unvoiced concerns - of communities we serve. We partner with communities to build, improve and sustain health care delivery and increase the health and well-being of those who live and work and these communities. Several community based screening and diagnostic camps - typically we examine close to 100,000 individuals each year- have improved the value of care. Over the years, we have consistently delivered more integrated, patient-centered care, and have reduced health care costs while improving outcomes. Kasturba Hospital offers an integrated health care delivery system that includes the founding teaching hospital, two rural and an urban community health center and a hospital located 265 km from Sevagram, serving the tribal poor.

Our team of obstetrician – gynaecologist, paediatrician, anaesthetist, medical officers, interns, nurses and other paramedics works 24/7 to offer preventive, promotive and curative services in the Melghat region of Maharashtra. MGIMS is building a new mother and child hospital- funded by the Central Government. This 300-bed hospital - likely to be commissioned in November 2015, is aimed at providing patient friendly cost effective to pregnant women and children. McGill Residents could spend time in the labour ward, antenatal clinic, visit villages and see MCH work, conduct trainings, etc.

For further information: https://www.mgims.ac.in/

Recommended readings: To be determined.

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Flight to reach destination: ~$1,500-2,000
Training fees: ~(inquiring)
Accommodations (local hotel): ~$(inquiring)
Food: ~(3-5/day)
**Rural Unit for Health and Social Affairs (RUHSA) Christian Medical College**

**Site Location:** Vellore, India  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Rita Isaac MD, MPH  
Professor & Head RUHSA Department, Christian Medical College

**Site Description:** The Rural Unit for Health and Social Affairs (RUHSA) is CMC’s most comprehensive rural site, serving critical needs such as primary and secondary care for families, fieldwork and education for doctors, nurses and allied health professionals, clinical research and numerous family support programs for local residents. The rural project called RUHSA does village based healthcare, and also runs a first referral unit with a labour room. The 70 bed base hospital and the 23 peripheral service sub-centers continue to provide both secondary and primary level health care services to the 1,28,033 people of K.V.Kuppam block and to the residents of other neighboring blocks. There are about 1600 antenatal women registered for care through sub-centers and 1400 deliveries are conducted annually at RUHSA. Of that 15-20% are C-sections. Gyne surgeries including hysterectomies are done by the OBGY consultant and other gynec care includes a cervical cancer screening and treat programme and RTI care.

RUHSA directs several programs to advance the health, education, and socio economic status of the community. In addition to the health care services, RUHSA focuses on training health care personnel with special emphasis on training mid-level health care personnel to improve health services in the country.

Research—Significant contributions are made in generating and advancing knowledge through population based research with support from international and national Research Organizations in the areas of nutrition in adults and children in collaboration with University of Aberdeen; HIV Disease supported by National Institute of Health, US; model Cervical Cancer screening and prevention programme for rural India in partnership with University of Sydney, Weill Cornell Medical College; under-5 morbidity and mortality supported by ICMR; Empower ASHAs to provide mobile, multiplex, antenatal screening at point of care in collaboration with McGill University, Montreal; Hepatitis B Free Vellore project; and use of InterVA4, a WHO instrument for interpretation of Verbal autopsy.

**For more information:** [http://www.cmch-vellore.edu/RUHSA/tabid/361/Default.aspx](http://www.cmch-vellore.edu/RUHSA/tabid/361/Default.aspx)

**Recommended readings:** To be determined.

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- Flight/Train/Taxi to reach destination: ~$1,500-2,000
- Training fees: ~$160
- Accommodations: ~$10-15/day
- On-site Canteen: ~$3-5/day