

## **Global health conference survey questionnaire – conducted by ANU and the 2013 GHC organising committee**

This is a brief survey to gain general information about why you are attending the 2013 AMSA Global Health Conference, and to understand your career aspirations. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

### **Section 1. Background**

#### **1. In what capacity are you attending the conference?**

Organiser  
Participant (medical student)

#### **2. Please state your age**

[box]

#### **3. Please state your sex**

Male  
Female  
Don't want to answer

#### **4. Are you a domestic or international student?**

Domestic  
International, studying in Australia  
International, studying outside Australia

#### **5. (If applicable.) Where are you undertaking your medical degree?**

Australian National University  
Bond University  
Deakin University  
Flinders University  
Griffith University  
James Cook University  
Monash University  
University of Adelaide  
University of Melbourne  
University of New South Wales  
University of Newcastle  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Queensland  
University of Sydney  
University of Tasmania  
University of Western Australia  
University of Western Sydney

University of Wollongong  
Other overseas university

**6. What year are you currently in of your degree?**

First  
Second  
Third  
Fourth  
Fifth  
Sixth  
Honours/ PHD/ other intercalated

**7. Is your degree undergraduate or postgraduate?**

Undergraduate  
Postgraduate

**8. If postgraduate, what was your undergraduate degree?**

[Box]

**Section 2. You and the AMSA conference**

**1. Is this the first time you have attended an AMSA Global Health Conference?**

Yes  
No

**2. If this is not the first time, how many times have you been (excluding this one)?**

One  
Two  
Three  
Four  
More than four

**3. How important were the following factors in your decision to attend the 2013 Global Health Conference?**

Promotional material (eg. video)  
Word of mouth/ my friends are attending  
The academic program  
The social program  
I want to work overseas

Very important  
Important  
Moderately important

A little important  
Not important at all

### **Section 3. Career choices**

#### **1. What is your preferred specialisation?**

General medicine  
Medical specialty  
General surgery  
Surgical specialty  
General practice  
Paediatrics  
Psychiatry  
Intensivist (anaesthetics, ICU, emergency medicine)  
Obstetrics and gynaecology  
Pathology  
Radiology  
Medical research/ academia  
Public health (epidemiology, environmental medicine, public policy, etc)  
Other (list)  
Haven't decided

#### **2. How important are the following factors to you in making career decisions.**

Earning a good salary  
Helping people in Australia  
Helping people overseas  
Having a career which is compatible with a life outside of medicine  
Making a contribution to medical research

Very important  
Important  
Moderately important  
A little important  
Not important at all

### **Section 4. Plans to work in a developing country**

#### **1. Do you plan to work in the future in a developing country?**

Yes  
No

#### **2. If you answered yes to question 1, what motivates you to want to work in a developing country?**

[Text box]

**3. If you answered yes to question 1, is this something you plan to do**

As soon as possible after graduation  
1-2 years after graduation  
Within 5 years of graduating  
At some point in my career

**4. If you answered yes to question 1, for how long you do plan to work in a developing country?**

Two years or less  
2-5 years  
5-10 years  
Whole career  
Not sure

**5. If you answered yes to question 1, which of the statements best describe you?**

I want to work overseas for a couple of years before I settle down in a medical career in Australia  
I want to spend my career overseas providing medical services in developing countries  
I want to develop a specialization in Australia, and then consider working in a developing country  
I want to work in a developing country when the opportunity arises.  
I know I want to work in a developing country, but do not have a specific plan

**6. If you answered no to question 1, which of these factors are important in that decision?**

The pay is much better in Australia  
I want to stay close to family and friends  
I want to focus on the health problems within Australia

Very important  
Important  
Moderately important  
A little important  
Not important at all

**7. If you plan to work in Australia do you aim to** (participants may select more than one option)

Provide medical services to disadvantaged Australians  
Provide medical services to indigenous Australians  
Provide medical services to Australians in general (no particular group in mind)

**8. Is there enough easily accessible information regarding medical opportunities in developing countries?**

Yes  
No

**9. Are there enough opportunities for young doctors to work in developing countries?**

Yes  
No  
Unsure

**10. Do you think your studies prepare you well for working overseas?**

Yes  
No  
Unsure

**11. What are the main constraints which might stop you working overseas? (If unsure please leave blank)**

[Text box]

### **Section 5. Attitudes and interests**

**1. How would you rate the severity of medical needs of Australians to those of poor people living in developing countries?**

Much more  
More  
About the same  
Less  
Much less

**2. How would you rate the severity of the medical needs of indigenous Australians to those of poor people living in developing countries?**

Much more  
More  
About the same  
Less  
Much less

**3. Do you give regularly to an NGO or NGOs?**

Yes  
No

**4. If yes, does it work overseas or in Australia? (If more than one please select the answer which best reflects the majority of your contributions.)**

Australia  
Overseas

**5. If yes to 3, how much do you give?**

\$0-20  
\$20-50  
\$50-100  
\$100-200  
\$200+

**6. How would you rate your interest in international development?**

Very interested  
Interested  
Neither interested nor disinterested  
Not that interested  
Not at all interested

**7. If you have an interest in international development, how did you get interested?**

Travel overseas  
Work overseas  
Family  
University  
Talks (please list)  
Books (please list)

**8. Have you visited a developing country?**

Yes  
No

**9. If you answered yes to question 8, please list the countries in the box below**

**10. What is the amount of time have you spent in developing countries (all countries put together)?**

Under 1 month  
1-3 months  
3-6 months  
6 months – 1 year  
1-3 years  
3+ years

**11. If you answered yes to question 8, have you worked in a developing country?**

Yes

No

**12. If you answered yes to question 11, have you worked in a medical or para-medical capacity?**

Yes

No

**13. What is the amount of time you have worked in developing countries (all countries put together)?**

Under 1 month

1-3 months

3-6 months

6 months – 1 year

1-3 years

3+ years

**14. Have you visited an indigenous community before?**

Yes

No

**15. If you answered yes to question 14, have you worked in an indigenous community before?**

Yes

No

**16. If you answered yes to question 15, how long have you worked in indigenous communities?**

Under 1 month

1-3 months

3-6 months

6 months – 1 year

1-3 years

3+ years

**17. Would you be willing to be traced to answer a survey in a year or two? (If yes, please provide an email address that will be routinely checked in the next few years, e.g. a gmail rather than university account.)**

Yes (list)

No