PROPOSAL: GLOBAL HEALTH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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WHY MENTORSHIP?

As a Bok Pedagogy Fellow for the Global Health Education and Learning Incubator (CHELI), and also a PhD student in the Global Health and Population Department (GHP) at the School of Public Health (HSPH), I have learned that there are few existing collaborations between the two departments. As the PF for CHELI, I lead the hiring of TA’s for the course, pulling primarily from the GHP department at HSPH. In doing so, I have seen first-hand the extent to which undergraduates benefit from their relationships with our TA’s. Many students reach out to our TA’s for summer internship, career, and overall life advice. Our TA’s have been incredible mentors to our students. This experience has made me reflect on how great the opportunity is within the GHP department to foster these types of relationships.

WHAT’S IN IT FOR BOTH PARTIES?

Mentors
- Unique opportunity to meet undergraduates at the College
- Become a better leader
- Shape a group of future leaders
- Professional development
- Minimal time commitment

Mentees
- Gain valuable advice from individuals in the field doing the type of work you aspire to do
- Develop knowledge and skills that will change your academic trajectory
- Build your network and learn about professional development opportunities

NEXT STEPS

- Meet with Assistant Director to Education Programs in GHP, Dean of Education at HSPH, and Senior Program Manager at CHELI to discuss feasibility of program
- Develop survey to capture interest and identify student's best "match" with their graduate mentor
- Launch program during AY 2021-2022