How do I apply?
Priority in enrollment is offered to U.S. military and government employees. Civilian applicants are welcomed and approved on a space available basis. The following information is required:

- Name and Degree(s)
- Mailing address
- Telephone number and E-mail address
- Current job position
- Curriculum Vitae
- Brief statement of interest and intent

Foreign military students will be accepted into the program through an application covered under the Military Articles & Services List (MASL). The current catalog is available at: Military Articles & Services List Catalog. MASL# P175038 Training in Tropical Medicine and Traveler's Health Course. Students applying through the MASL must request training and validate enrollment through the annual Security Cooperation Education and Training Working Groups (SCETWG) and the NETSAFA Country Program Manager.

- In addition to contacting the course director, US Army students should register in ATRRS through their command training office.

What is the enrollment fee? When is it due?

- There is no fee for Active Duty U.S. Military or U.S. Public Health Service officers.
- The fee other U.S. government agency employees is $1,500.
- The fee most non-US government civilian student participants is $5,000.
- Foreign military student fees are covered under the MASL.
- This includes most course materials, more than 300 contact hours of teaching, and access to our medical library and other campus facilities. Fees are due no later than 4 weeks prior to course start and requests for refunds must be made at least 1 week prior to course start.

Where should the check for course fees be sent?

The check should be made out to “HJF Account 301914-1.0-61700” and sent to

LTC Eric Garges
Director, Tropical Public Health
Uniformed Services University
ATTN: PMB
4301 Jones Bridge Road
Bethesda, MD  20814-4799

To arrange a MIPR, credit card payment or other electronic transfer, contact Mrs. Maria Smith: 301 295 3129 or maria.smith@usuhs.edu and refer to the above account number and this course.
Where do I go on the morning of the first day?

Most of your classes will be held in Building A, though a few may be scheduled in the newly-completed Building E. Please be prompt to all classes. Your first class will be PMO 560, Principles and Practice of Tropical Medicine, Lec Hall A, from 0730-0920. Next is PMO 564, Epidemiology and Control of Arboviruses, Lec Hall A, from 0930-1120 on the first Tuesday. Your last class, PMO 614, Tropical Medicine Rounds, will be held in room A2053 (2nd floor) from 1200-1250. Feel free to bring lunch to this case discussion class. Classroom assignments are subject to change, please confirm with the course director prior to arrival on day 1.

If you do not already possess a USU ID badge, report to Room A 1037 at 1300. You will be met there and given further guidance on completing any additional inprocessing.

How do I get to USU?

What identification and permit do I need to get on base and park?

On-base parking for short-term visitors is unlikely. It is recommended that students anticipate the need to take the Metro (Medical Center Station). Please contact the course director at least 1 month in advance if you believe you will need on-base parking access. Acceptance into the program does not guarantee parking.

Non-DOD students: You will be required to complete a background check and register with base security prior to the first day. Contact the course director at least one month prior to receive the required materials to start this process.

How should I dress?

Military officers: Unless counter to service direction, your choice of ACU/BDU (all services); Class B (Army); service uniform without jacket (AF); khakis or service dress without jacket (Navy). Civilians: Office or office-casual. Lab coats are not required.

Where can I stay?

For military service members: the Navy Lodge and Navy Gateway Inn are 5-minute walks from school on the campus of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. The rooms have good amenities for long-term stays and are relatively inexpensive compared to hotels. The Navy Gateway Inn is considered the priority destination for short-term/TDY travelers. Civilian students are not authorized lodging on base.
What courses will I take?

Course                                      Director
PMO 560 Principles and Practice of Tropical Medicine  Hickey, Garges
PMO 561 Medical Parasitology (lecture + lab)       Stewart, Davies
PMO 564 Epidemiology and Control of Arboviruses   Hoel, Burgess
PMO 569 Malaria Epidemiology and Control (lec + lab)  Stewart
PMO 613 Public Health Issues of Disasters         DeFraites
PMO 614 Tropical Medicine Rounds                 Hickey
PMO 661 Tropical Public Health Seminar           Garges
PMO 990 Travel Medicine                          Garges

What will my schedule be?
Class Daily: Tuesday February 21 – Wednesday May 17, 2017
Spring Recess: March 27-31, 2017

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Will I have to use a microscope?
Yes, quite a bit. One will be provided for you to use during labs. If you haven’t used one recently and it’s possible, you should try to refamiliarize with just how one works, e.g., calibration, focusing in for different optical strengths, using oil immersion, etc.. The [CDC's DPDx website](http://www.cdc.gov/dpkx), has some
helpful areas. Under Diagnostic Procedures/Stool Specimens/Microscopic Examination there are some good basic instructions you could familiarize with. Under Diagnostic Procedure/Blood Specimens/Bench aids for blood parasites, you can look at the little summary chart and the pictures of thick and thin smears. There's also a section that has every image on the site, the Image Library. This website provides a brief overview of microscopy techniques.

**Will I be seeing patients?**
Yes, in travel clinic. Under supervision, you will see patients who are planning overseas travel and help advise and counsel them about risks, personal protective measures, chemoprophylaxis, and immunization.

**What are the course standards?**
All of the courses that make up the USU ASTMH Diploma Course are standard graduate-level courses offered at the University. The course load is heavy and requires substantial time invested outside of classroom/lab hours. You must earn a C grade in each course to pass and get the certificate.

**Can I get CME/CE hours for attending?**
CME is offered for the Tropical Public Health Seminar. (Subject to Change, Contact Course director for details)

**Can I get University graduate level course credit?**
Students who have not formally applied to and been accepted into a USU degree program, do not (at this time) receive official university course credit. You will receive a certificate of completion that qualifies you to sit for the ASTMH certification exam through its diploma course pathway.

**Does completing this program convey a diploma? Can I use the DTM&H credential?**
No. You will receive a certificate of completion, which fulfills the didactic requirements making you eligible to sit for the examination leading to a Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Traveler’s Health (CTropMed).

The DTM&H is a credential given by the Royal College of Physicians in conjunction with qualifying programs in the United Kingdom.

**Should I bring my own laptop computer?**
Computers are available for use in the USU Learning Resource Center (library), but require a DOD Common Access Card to access them. For students who do not possess a Department of Defense Common Access Card, we recommend you bring a personal laptop or tablet with which you can connect to the wireless network. Wireless networks are available around campus. You will be required to write papers or other documents for various courses.
What books should I buy?

Tuition-pay students, not registered in the University in a degree program, will receive books that are required (not optional) for your courses (see below).

PMO 560 Principles and Practice of Tropical Medicine

Required textbook: Hunter’s Tropical Medicine and Emerging Infectious Diseases (9th Edition)
NOTE: This book will be hand-receipted (loaned) to all students (except for tuition paying students), but you may purchase one with your own funds if you desire to mark in it.

PMO 569 Malaria Epidemiology and Control

Readings provided

PMO 613 Public Health Issues of Disasters

Required References (all are FREE on-line)


PMO 990 Travel Medicine

Health Information for International Travel 2016 (“The Yellow Book”). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

PMO 561 Medical Parasitology

Readings provided

PMO 564 Epi and Control of Arboviruses

Readings provided

PMO 614 Tropical Medicine Rounds

Readings provided

PMO 661 Tropical Public Health Seminar

No required or recommended textbook.
When should I buy books?

Tuition-pay students, not registered in the University in a degree program, will receive books that are required as part of their tuition. Otherwise, before you arrive. USU has no bookstore, so you should purchase books online.

Where can I eat?

USU has its own cafeteria in Building B; it is open for breakfast and lunch. There is also a coffee shop located in the lobby of Building C that offers coffee, bottled drinks, sandwiches, pastries, sandwiches, and soups. The Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, a 10 minute walk from USU, has a food court. A food court at the Navy Exchange are also about 10 minutes away on foot, and the many fine restaurants of Bethesda are about 1½ to 2 miles away.