

### *How do I apply?*

U.S. government employees have priority. Civilian applicants are welcome to apply 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 must apply through the Military Articles & Services List (MASL). The current catalog is available at: [Military Articles & Services List Catalog](#). The course is listed as 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. Other services may have similar requirements. Check with your personnel office.

### *What is the enrollment fee? When is it due?*

- Defense department personnel and U.S. Public Health Service officers attend without charge.
- Participants sponsored by other U.S. government agencies are charged a \$1,500 fee.
- The fee for all other participants is \$5,000.
- Fees are due no later than 4 weeks prior to course start.
- Requests for refunds must be made at least 1 week prior to course start.
- Foreign military student fees are covered under the MASL.
- Fees include most course materials, more than 300 contact hours of teaching, and access to our medical library and other campus facilities.

### *To where should the fee be sent?*

To arrange a MIPR, credit card payment or other electronic transfer, contact Mrs. Maria Smith: 301.295.3129 or [maria.smith@usuhs.edu](mailto:maria.smith@usuhs.edu) and refer to this course and the following account information. Any check should be made to "**HJF Account 301914-1.0-61700**" and sent to

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Bethesda, MD 20814-4799

### *Where do I go on the morning of the first day?*

Most of the classes are held in Building A, though a few may be scheduled in Building E. **Full time attendance in classes is mandatory for completion.** The first class on Tuesday, 19 February will be PMO 560, Principles and Practice of Tropical Medicine, Lecture room A in Building A, from 0730-0920. Students may wish to bring a lunch because of a mandatory 12:00 Tropical Medicine Rounds on that day. Classroom assignments are subject to change. When in doubt, go to the Building A lobby. Dr. Brett-Major's office is 1037A in Building A. [How do I get to USU?](#)

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

**On-base parking is unlikely.** Students should anticipate using public transportation| Metro (Red Line, Medical Center Station). Acceptance into the program does not guarantee parking. If exigent circumstances require on base parking, make contact to request such arrangements at least a month before course start.

**Non-Defense department students** must complete a background check and register with base security prior to the first day. Make contact to request such arrangements and the necessary materials at least one month prior course start.

### *How should I dress?*

**Uniformed services 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 and PHS).

**Civilians:** Office attire or office-casual. Lab coats are not required.

### *Where can I stay?*

**For U.S. government employees on orders or other uniformed services personnel,** the [Navy Lodge](#) and [Navy Gateway Inn](#) are 5-minute walks from school on Naval Support Activity, Bethesda. The rooms have amenities for long-term stays and are relatively inexpensive compared to area hotels. The Navy Gateway Inn is considered the priority destination for short-term orders travelers. Other students are not authorized this lodging.

### *What courses will I take?*

PMO 560 Principles and Practice of Tropical Medicine  
PMO 561 Medical Parasitology (lecture + laboratory)  
PMO 564 Epidemiology and Control of Arboviruses  
PMO 569 Malaria Epidemiology and Control (lecture + laboratory)  
PMO 613 Public Health Issues of Disasters  
PMO 614 Tropical Medicine Rounds  
PMO 661 Tropical Public Health Seminar  
PMO 990 Travel Medicine, with practicum

### ***What will my schedule be?***

**Class daily during the work week:** Tuesday February 19 – Wednesday May 15, 2019

**Spring Recess:** March 25-29, 2019

Though schedule changes sometimes occur, the usual format excepting travel clinic and specially convened clinical rounds follows:

### ***Will I use a microscope?***

Yes, quite a bit. Microscopes are available for use during labs. Consider becoming familiar with how microscopes work prior to arrival, e.g., calibration, focusing in for different optical strengths, using oil immersion, etc. Rice University provides a focused, on-line overview of [light microscopy](#). The CDC's parasite diagnosis website [DPDx](#) has helpful information such as that under Diagnostic Procedures... Stool Specimens... Microscopic Examination. There is a good blood parasite summary chart with picture of thick and thin smears under Diagnostic Procedures... Blood Specimens... Bench aids for blood parasites. There also is an Image Library.

### ***Will I see patients?***

Yes, principally in travel clinic though occasionally there also are opportunities for bedside or clinical teaching rounds. In travel clinic under supervision, students 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 Training in Tropical Medicine and Traveler's Health are graduate-level courses at the university. The course load is heavy and requires substantial time invested outside of classroom and laboratory hours. Students must earn at least a C grade in each course in order to pass the training and be presented as a successful participant to the ASTMH. Students who are federal employees seeking graduate credit and a formal university credential must attain an overall grade of at least a B.

### ***Can I get CME/CE/MOC hours for attending?***

In some instances, CME credit is available for components of the training. This changes each year.

### ***Can I get University graduate level course credit?***

Federal employee attendees with sufficient performance in courses qualify for the university's formal Certificate in Training in Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health and earn 24 graduate course credit hours. All students earning no less than a C in the courses receive a verification of training appropriate for registering for the ASTMH or RCP London examinations.

***Does completing this program convey a diploma? Can I use the DTM&H credential?***

DTM&H is a designation for individuals who pass the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) London examination or an internal examination offered by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). Successful attendees of this course receive verification for completion in order to sit the ASTMH examination. Currently, they also may sit the RCP London examination but should verify themselves those requirements each year. Federal employees and full time graduate degree program matriculated students may receive a formal University certificate and graduate credit hours.

***Should I bring my own laptop computer?***

Computers are available for use in the USU Learning Resource Center (library), but require a Defense department Common Access Card for use. For students who do not possess this, a personal laptop or tablet that can connect to a wireless network is encouraged. Wireless networks are available on campus. There are writing requirements.

***What books should I buy?***

USU has no bookstore, so books should be purchased in advance of arrival if a student wishes to employ personal references. However, books are available either on-line through the university or by hand receipt for no-fee students. Fee-based students receive a copy of some materials, and also have on-line access to the others.

***Where can I eat?***

USU has a cafeteria in Building B. It is open for breakfast and lunch. Also, there is a coffee stand with sandwiches and other light fare located in the lobby of Building C. Both the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the Navy Exchange have food concessions and are within a 10 minute walk from USU. Dining options in Bethesda abound.