

# Tulane establishes semester abroad program with National Taiwan University

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The Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (SPHTM) has signed a memorandum of understanding with [National Taiwan University](#) (NTU) that will

establish a semester-abroad exchange program for students enrolled in a master's program in public health at each institution.

Tulane graduate students who have completed at least two semesters (18 credits) are eligible to apply for the Spring 2023 semester, with [applications due](#) Friday, September 30, 2022. Selected students for the first cohort will spend one full-time semester at National Taiwan University in Taipei beginning in February and will work with their advisor and program staff to select courses from a [list of courses](#) offered in English.

SPHTM will also welcome students from NTU this spring.

“We are very excited to establish a new study abroad exchange program that builds on our decades-long partnership with public health institutions in Taiwan” said Dr. Richard Oberhelman, associate dean for global health. “This type of international opportunity allows our students to expand their horizons by living and learning about public health from the perspective of another culture or society, building new global health connections that can really boost their future career opportunities.”

The initiative is a joint effort between the Tulane [Office of Global Health](#) and the school's Office of Student Experience. The National Taiwan University is accredited by the [Council on Education for Public Health](#).

“Throughout its history, public health has necessarily been a global discipline and that is even more true today as evidenced by infectious disease outbreaks like COVID-19 and Monkeypox,” said Dr. Thomas LaVeist, dean of the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. “We are proud to be establishing this relationship with NTU, and I expect that it is just the first step in what will be a long and mutually beneficial arrangement between our two institutions.”

Tulane's Office of Global Health was established in 2009 and was created to expand academic and research global health initiatives for faculty and students. The school has had a significant global footprint since its founding in 1912. Today, Tulane public health and tropical medicine researchers conduct research in well over 70 countries around the world.

Interested students can [learn more](#) about the specifics of the program, [apply online](#), or contact [Robert Palestina](#), senior program manager for the Office of Global Health, with questions. The office will hold an [information session via Zoom](#) on Friday, September 2, from 12pm-1pm.

