

# Operation Walk

## Fall 2016

### Application Materials

The Operation Walk application consists of the following materials:

- *Resume*
  - Make sure your resume is updated and error free. Include the names of two Cornell references (faculty and/or professional staff members).
  - Given our condensed timeline, your references will not be required to write a formal letter of recommendation. However, a member of the Operation Walk selection committee will phone your references for their assessment of you. Be certain to obtain permission before citing someone as a reference.
- *Personal Statement*
  - Your personal statement should include information that your resume does not – your reasons for applying, your career goals, the skills you would bring to the Operation Walk team, what you hope to achieve if selected, and how this experience will benefit your future academic and career goals. Additionally, it should touch on the topics listed under "[Selection Process](#)". The essay should be free of grammatical and spelling errors and be no more than two pages, double spaced. Poorly written essays will disqualify applicants.
- *Unofficial copy of your Cornell transcript*
- *Statement of Language Skills*
  - Include a short statement (a few sentences) regarding language or communication skills you may have beyond English. Any language commonly spoken in the Operation Walk destination country is especially relevant.
- *Passport Copy*
  - Provide a scanned copy of your current passport (photograph page). This allows us to verify you have a non-expired passport.

Application materials must be submitted electronically or delivered to the Associate Director of Dimensions by 4:00 p.m. **on the application deadline**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

If you are selected for the second round of the application, the following will occur:

- *Interview*
  - Following a review of these application materials, top candidates will be invited to interview with members of the Dimensions Operations Committee.
- *Passport Verification*
  - Bring your physical current passport to the Dimensions office. The Associate Director will photocopy the signature page, which also contains your photograph and the passport expiration date. You will retain the original passport. If you are chosen to participate, you must also submit a photocopy of your passport to the Office of International and Off-Campus study.

## **Eligibility**

1. Only students who have completed at least 8 Cornell credits may participate in Operation Walk. Additionally, students must enroll for at least 1 Cornell course after the conclusion of their Operation Walk experience, as this opportunity is only provided to current students. Students from all disciplines may apply, however, our selection criteria includes the relevance of this medically-related experience to the student's academic plan and career aspirations.
2. Because passports and VISAs must be provided to the host country well in advance of the trip, only students with a current passport meeting the expiration guidelines set by the country to be visited may apply.
3. Participation would preclude you from taking a traditional course during 2<sup>nd</sup> block of the 2016-17 academic year. It is imperative that you consult with your Faculty Advisor before applying to ensure your participation would not adversely impact your academic progress and anticipated graduation date.

## **Earning Academic Credit**

You may earn a half (0.5) credit for an internship or a full credit for an individualized project; however, both require additional academic work. Students who earn credit for the experience will need to secure a faculty sponsor. Dimensions can mentor students with regard to this process.

## Operation Walk Participant Expectations

Trip participants are required to submit a summary report including site photos. Additional expectations, such as completion of a travel consultation and compliance with immunization recommendations are detailed in the [“Expectations of Selected Applicants”](#) section of this website.

\* If you withdraw from enrollment or do not subsequently enroll for at least one course following the trip, you must reimburse Dimensions: The Center for the Science and Culture of Healthcare the full amount of expenses paid by Dimensions for your participation. You would have 30 days to repay the expenses following e-mail and/or U.S. mail notification that repayment is due. After this 30 day period, a \$100 billing fee will be assessed and included with the overdue amount and then added to any unpaid balance of tuition and will be subject to the regular financial collection procedures of Cornell College.

