

## **SeneGambia One Health Immersion Course**

**Introduction:** Local health is influenced by a myriad of global factors, thereby rendering a need for health professionals who understand the global aspects of local individual and community health. Global experiences for college students rate highly as a learning and professional development exercise, yet Aggies are below national averages in study abroad experiences. Therefore, creative strategies must be undertaken to bring the world and its complexities to undergraduate students at Texas A&M University.

**Objectives:** 1) Enhance global health experiences of future faculty by immersing doctoral students in a global health context, and 2) Enhance undergraduate students' learning experiences through exposure to global aspects of local health. Exposure will occur via integration of doctoral students' global health experiences into their teaching internship.

**Program Description:** The SeneGambia One Health Immersion Course (SGOHIC) focuses on enhancing health-related global experiences among the next cadre of university faculty – doctoral students – as a means to integrate global health perspectives into courses targeting undergraduates. This study will occur in two nations, Gambia and Senegal. The SGOHIC will include hands-on experience in health care, public health, economic development, and non-governmental organization capacity-building sectors of Senegal and Gambia. Doctoral participants will integrate their experiences into their teaching internships and other professional development activities focused on undergraduate learning.

**Conclusion:** Program sustainability for subsequent years will be attained through funding from participants, and funding (full or supplemental) via extramural awards. The program outcomes will be monitored and evidence documenting the program's positive benefits to potential donors, policy makers, government officials, and other interested stakeholders will be shared.