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What is international health?

International health focuses on poverty-related health problems in low and middle income societies. It includes the promotion of health, prevention and treatment of diseases, palliative care and rehabilitation. International health has a cross-disciplinary approach and integrates a number of public-health-related disciplines.

Why study international health?

The Master's in International Health aims to provide health experts with the knowledge and skills to deal with these developments effectively. The objectives of the MIH are to enable participants to analyse international health issues, problems and situations; conduct applied research; and develop adequate and appropriate responses in a global context.

Why tropEd?

Studying within the network of tropEd, www.troped.org, enables students to study at a variety of institutions within Europe, to build a broad network with different types of students and different lecturers. The Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, is an active and long-term member of tropEd. The institute is renowned for its integrated approach to international health, its large variety of teachers, its interactive orientation, and its practical approach.

What can I do afterwards with a degree in International health?

Examples of career perspectives are technical advisor to national governments in relation to the effective implementation of specific disease programmes or programme officer for specific international health programmes, in multi-lateral, bi-lateral and NGO organisations.

What does the program look like?

Students take a core course equivalent to 3 months of full-time study and then select optional advanced modules. These modules may be undertaken at different partner institutions, and in total are equivalent to 4 months of full-time study. The Master's programme is completed with a thesis. The Master's in International Health is a 1 year fulltime study, or a part-time study with a maximum of five years. The costs are variable over the institutions. Currently fellowships are available through the Erasmus Mundus fellowship programme, see website:

<http://erasmusmundus.troped.org/>. These fellowships are for students outside the EU, to study in Europe, or for EU students to be able to study at partner institutions in the South.

Who will my fellow-students be?

At KIT doctors and nurses/midwives are welcomed in the core course, and in other courses other related health professionals such as psychologists, anthropologists can participate as well.

How do I apply?

You can apply through a home institution of tropEd, please see www.troped.org for more details. For KIT (Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen) please see: www.kit.nl