Global Mission Leadership
Garland School of Social Work
Procedures & Requirements – Fall 2017

The Global Mission Leadership Initiative has been established through the Office of Global Mission Leadership for Christian leaders desiring graduate-level education as preparation for more effective ministry in an identified country of concern. The mission of Global Mission Leadership is to equip leaders to relocate or return to their identified country of concern post graduate studies to be catalysts for community change in an area of social injustice.

I. REQUIREMENTS of Global Mission Leadership Application
(*denotes component of GML Application Portfolio)

A. Graduation from an accredited four-year college/university or its equivalent. All prerequisites must be completed prior to GML orientation.

B. Language proficiency in the following ways:
   1. If from a non-English speaking country, written and oral proficiency in the English language demonstrated by a passing score on the TOEFL or IELTS test. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) requirement- A minimum of 550 on the paper-based, 213 on the computer-based, or 80 on the internet-based test. We also accept the IELTS with a minimum score of 6.5.
   2. If from an English speaking country, written and oral proficiency in the language spoken in the country to which the student plans to relocate/return. All GML students will complete their concentration studies in an international field placement within the identified country of concern to which the student will relocate or return after graduation. This proficiency will be gauged by phone interviews and submitted academic writing samples required by the application process.

C. At least two years of practical experience in full-time Christian ministry/employment immediately prior to enrolling in Baylor University.

D. *Statement of Educational Goals & Call to Service (Form I-G&C) – confirmation of these goals and call to service must be made by supervisor and pastor references.

E. *Statement of applicant’s Intent to Serve in Identified Country of Concern on completion of School of Social Work graduate studies signed by student and supervisor reference (Form I-In).

F. *Supervisor Reference: Endorsement by the director or supervisor of the organization with which applicant is affiliated on a full-time basis indicating organization’s plans for future usefulness of the candidate for ministry in his/her organization in the identified country of concern. (The supervisor reference is #1 on the application form.)
G. **Pastoral Reference:** Recommendation by a pastoral reference within the applicant’s local congregation who can speak to the applicant’s character, educational goals, and personal capacity. (The pastoral reference is #2 on the application form.)

H. **Academic Writing Sample:** A previous paper from applicant’s undergraduate or graduate coursework demonstrating academic writing proficiency. This paper can be on any topic of concern to the applicant, but papers relevant to social work practice are highly recommended. Please email this writing sample to GlobalMissionLeader@baylor.edu.

I. **Alternative MSW Programs Report:** Applicants must submit a one- to two-page report on other MSW programs they have pursued locally and why they prefer to study at the Garland School of Social Work. Please email this report to GlobalMissionLeader@baylor.edu.

II. **REQUIREMENTS of Recipient during School of Social Work enrollment**

A. With the exception of summer session and final semester, student must maintain a study schedule minimum of 12 hours per semester, sustain a 3.0 (B) grade point average on a 4.0 scale needed for graduation, and make satisfactory progress toward degrees. (All hours must be graduate hours.)

B. The student will complete a Global Mission Leadership Specialization. This specialization includes the following:

**Master of Social Work with a Global Mission Leadership Specialization**

1. Includes an advanced Internship in an identified country of concern

GML Students will:

1. Identify and analyze a global social issue, three primary causes, and models of global best practice in a country of concern
2. Formulate a plan of intervention for the specified social issue in a country of concern by utilizing accumulated research and governmental, non-governmental and congregational resources.

With this knowledge, students will form and implement a GML specialization plan through the remaining semesters of study. The specialization plan will be developed in collaboration with a faculty mentor who will assist each student in determining how the specialization will be integrated into MSW course work.

C. GML students will be required to participate in several events each semester in which they share their story with GML partners and donors. These events will provide an opportunity for students to express gratitude to the donors for their generosity as well as provide donors with the opportunity to know and relate with the students they support and learn more about each student’s nation. These events also provide GML students with opportunities to grow in professional speaking skills.