

- *How much will the trip cost? The trip will cost \$3200 plus round trip airfare (approximately \$1500). This will cover food, accommodation, and in-country travel. If you opt to say an additional week or more these costs are not covered in this fee.*
- *Will we have internet and computer access? Internet access is variable and unpredictable. You will certainly have internet in some urban and academic locations, but in many rural areas there is no internet.*
- *What is the student and faculty group size? There will be approximately 12 UC students, 6 Sri Lankan students, and at least one US faculty member with the group. The US faculty member will be from either medicine, veterinary medicine or agriculture/environmental sciences. Of course, Sri Lankan faculty from these same disciplines will also be involved throughout the program.*
- *What type of transportation should I expect? Students are responsible for their own airfare. We will work with you to provide guidance on times and airlines. Once within the country all transportation related to our program will be provided. Students will have free time and during these times transportation will be your own responsibility.*
- *What type of accommodation and food should I expect? Accommodations will be basic – which is to stay safe and clean but not elegant. Meals will be delicious and nutritious. We will have food available for those who are vegetarians and we will try to accommodate other dietary preferences but we can make no promises. It is probably not a surprise that food is somewhat spicy and has an Indian flare. We will attempt to provide several options to allow for selection. Eating as a vegetarian is easy in Sri Lanka. However we cannot guarantee that we can accommodate other preferences. If you have concerns please contact us.*
- *Are we based in one location or moving around a lot? We will start off at the beautiful University of Peradeniya in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Kandy is the second-largest city on the island. Its geographic location has made it a major transportation hub in the island: while Kandy being the gateway to the Central Highlands of Sri Lanka. The railway line from Colombo, the sea port on the western coast runs via Kandy to the farthest point of Badulla in the Central Highlands. The main roads Colombo-Kandy and Kandy-Nuwara Eliya are two of the most scenic roads of Sri Lanka; Colombo-Kandy<sup>[2]</sup> road passes through rubber plantations and rice paddies. The program will visit three different regions of the country. In each we will examine a “one health problem” looking at the human-animal-environmental interface.*
- *Will there be activities organized prior to the Sri Lanka field course? Yes. The group will meet for a 2 day weekend in the spring During this time we will discuss logistics, Sri Lankan culture, and issues around team work and leadership.*

- *What is required of me in term of project deliverables? You will be asked to engage the group in a learning exercise on a topic of your choosing and lead a discussion with our group. This should be based on your own interest and field of study. During your time in Sri Lanka you will also be asked to prepare a short presentation on a theme that you can follow as we move around the nation. (Topics from last year included social responses to mental illness, gender violence, approaches to preventing dengue fever, etc.)*
- *What are my funds used for? The fees you pay will contribute to trip costs (food, accommodation, local travel), costs for local faculty, and shared costs for local students. The UC faculty does not receive any salary support.*
- *Can I get academic credit? Yes, depending on your study program. The School of Medicine at UC Davis will provide one month of credit, but how that credit is accepted and counted is up to your own local program. We encourage you to discuss this with your academic leadership.*
- *Are there safety concerns I should be aware of? Sri Lanka is a generally safe country. As we have learned this year in our country, no place is 100% safe. We take enormous steps to assure your safety and security. We have selected Sri Lanka because of its safety, its beauty, its wonderfully friendly citizenry and that many people speak English. Of course there are dangers but our goal is provide you a safe and healthy learning environment.*
- *Will the course itinerary be different from last year? Yes, each year we select the best of what has worked in the past and replace those locations that were not as exciting or educational. This year (2016) the itinerary is still in development but will include three unique areas.*
- *How should I prepare for the course? We will provide details during spring orientation. Aside from arranging airfare and packing, you can prepare a talk for the group to be delivered in Sri Lanka as we sit around eating freshly caught fish or bananas from picked from the trees overhead. We will also provide you with a reading packet of journal articles.*
- *What should I bring with? If selected, we will provide you with a detailed packing list.*
- *Do I need a visa and how do I get it? If selected, we will provide you details of how, when, and where to obtain your visa.*
- *Do I need vaccinations or health records? Yes, travel to Sri Lanka requires several immunizations. We will review the requirements with you, and make*

*recommendations for medication you should bring. One exciting piece of news is that there is no malaria on the island so you don't need to take nasty malaria medications.*

- *Can I spend extra time in Sri Lanka on course-related activities? Yes. You will be expected to be present with the group for 3 weeks. We will work with you to arrange for additional work (in hospitals, clinics, or other locations) if you desire. If you have research interests, we will work to help coordinate this with local partners. Please note you can also spend time before and after simply visiting portions of the country that you will not see on our program.*
- *How much free time will we have? Three weeks goes quickly. We will try to expose you as much of Sri Lankan culture and One Health as we can comfortably. We have learned that cramming too much in has a negative effect.*