

## **Matt Weyenberg Scholar Application**

Matt Weyenberg, originally a member of the class of 2023, passed away in September of 2022 from cancer. During his time at Stritch, he was an exemplary student and above all else, an advocate for global health and social justice. His passion for service long predated his enrollment at Stritch, and it endured in him as a member of the CCGH honors program.

Among his many endeavors, Matt developed a curriculum dedicated to exploring neocolonialism in global health, which was implemented in the Global Health Equity Dinners. Over a meal, Matt led open discussions between guest speakers, students, residents, and faculty, reviewing readings and podcasts, and sharing experiences, to learn from one another and seek a path to decolonizing global health.

He embodied the values the CCGH seeks to uphold and was the model honors student. In recognition of Matt, and as a means to carry on a project so near and dear to his heart, the CCGH is pleased to announce a new position in his honor, the Matt Weyenberg Scholar. This will be an annual distinction awarded to a student who shares Matt's values and passion for equitable and just care and wishes to continue developing and implementing the curriculum and organization of the Global Health Equity dinners.

**This position is open to any CCGH honors student in the Class of 2025, Class of 2026, and Class of 2027. The Matt Weyenberg Scholar will receive a \$250 donation to a charity or community organization of the student's choice, in addition to 4 weeks of applied field experience credit.**

The award committee is now accepting applications for this annual award. If you would like to apply for the Matt Weyenberg Scholar distinction, please submit your CV and a personal statement of interest. The statement of interest should include: why you are applying for this position, any potential topics related to the decolonization of global health that you would like to discuss during the GHE dinners, and speaker or curriculum ideas that you have to elevate our program.

**Please submit completed applications to [ccgh@luc.edu](mailto:ccgh@luc.edu) by Friday, August 9th so that we can announce the new scholar at our CCGH mixer on Friday, August 16th.**

Responsibilities of the Matt Weyenberg Scholar position include:

- Choosing a theme for each of 3 GHE dinners this year
- Selecting and confirming guest speakers for each GHE dinner (CCGH faculty will help facilitate this, though the correspondence would be left to the student)
- Selecting the preparation materials (2-3 podcasts, articles, etc) for attendees to review before each GHE dinner and then facilitating discussion based on these materials
- Sending out pre-and post surveys to continue data collection on the effectiveness of the dinners (if interested in turning this into a scholarly project)
- Continuing to attend future dinners in subsequent years while still at Stritch (if applicable)