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**Ethical Issues in International
Health Research
Workshop**

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*In collaboration with the
Department of Population and International Health*

OVERVIEW

As more research is conducted in developing countries, ethical issues that reflect differences in cultures, politics, wealth, standards of care, individual and group rights, and priorities are surfacing with increasing frequency. The present ethical codes are not always sufficient for the broad new set of problems faced by funders of international health research, members of Ethical Review Boards, government agencies, and researchers themselves. In total about 800 people have participated in various versions of the course offered in Mexico, South Africa, Nigeria, India, Pakistan and UAE.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

To address current issues, anticipate potential future problems, and facilitate productive communication, this interactive program draws on the combined talents of leaders in the field. Participants from both developing and industrialized countries have an opportunity to compare experiences, receive expert advice, and voice their concerns in five days of lectures, case studies, and panel discussions. Recognizing that current guidelines are both subject to interpretation and likely to create conflict, the program encourages candid comments, questions, and open critique of available materials.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Ethical Issues in International Health Research is intended for individuals involved in all areas of international health research, including medicine, anthropology, epidemiology, education, journalism, political science and law; government, foundations, and industry officials with funding responsibilities; and members of institutional and governmental review boards.

KEY TOPICS

- Ethical Guidelines for Research Involving Human Subjects
- Proposed Changes to International Guidelines
- Cultural Absolutism vs. Cultural Relativism
- Individual and Group Rights
- Ethical Review Boards/Institutional Review Boards
- Informed Consent
- Confidentiality
- Conflict of Interest and Scientific Misconduct
- Standards of Care
- Responsibility of Researchers to the Community
- Issues in Genetic Research
- Research in Disasters and Complex Emergencies
- Role of Medical Journals, the Press, and Others in Maintaining Ethical Standards
- Stem Cell Research
- Innovative Therapy versus Drug Testing

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APPLICATION

Please complete and forward the enclosed application to the address listed on the inside of this brochure. **Please submit your application no later than April 11, 2008, as space is limited.** Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. You should receive information regarding your acceptance within two weeks of submitting your application. If you do not, please contact our office.

VISAS

Applicants are responsible for obtaining their own visas. You should apply for an appropriate visa at your nearest United States Embassy or Consulate. Since you are not required to be in Boston beyond the period of the workshop, you will not need a special student visa to attend the program.

PROGRAM FEE

Course fee of \$1,950 includes:

- Daily continental breakfasts and breaks
- One special function in the Harvard Faculty Club
- Comprehensive reference manual
- Harvard certificate of attendance

You or your funding agency will be responsible for airfare; lodging; transportation fees to and from the airport; transportation fees to and from the course; incidentals; and all meals and drinks that are not included in the course fee.

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SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

The Program on Ethical Issues in International Health Research may be able to obtain tuition assistance for individuals from developing countries who would not be able to attend without outside support. Please complete the program registration form and return it with a letter stating the need for assistance.

LOCATION

All classes take place at the Harvard School of Public Health, located in the Longwood/Harvard Medical Campus in Boston, Massachusetts. The School is a short walk from Fenway Park and several of Boston's world-renowned museums. Boston is a popular place to visit during this time of year. This area has much to offer for sightseeing and shopping. The temperatures are between 75°-85° (23°-32°C) in the day and 65°-75° (19°-23°C) at night.

As a matter of policy, Harvard University does not discriminate in the admission of participants on the basis of race, religion, gender, national origin or handicap. Application by women and members of minority groups is strongly encourage