10 Important ISI Q&As...

1. **Who:** MPH students, M1 students, M3 elective students, MNSON students, graduate students, accompanied by nurses, physicians, public health practitioners, and chaplains

2. **How many:** We have space to place 40 students on ISI trips

3. **Where:** Dominican Republic, Haiti, Bolivia, Belize, U.S.-Mexico Border, Ecuador

4. **How long:** Trips range from 10 days to 6 weeks in length

5. **When:** See site descriptions for particular dates. Trips run between May 21st to July 20th

6. **What is the process for application?**
   a. Application will be live at [http://hsd.luc.edu/isi/forms-applications/](http://hsd.luc.edu/isi/forms-applications/) on Thursday, October 1st
   b. Complete all ISI forms (follow ISI application checklist), submit $250 deposit and additional paperwork by 3 PM on Friday, October 23rd
   c. Interview with Ministry staff shortly thereafter. We will contact you about an appointment.
   d. Placements will be announced at the Roll Out Meeting on Tuesday, November 24th at 12:00 PM.

7. **What costs are involved?**
   - Trips cost approximately $2,500–$3,500 per student to cover expenses (airfare, ground transportation, housing, food, in-country support services, educational materials, building supplies, patient tests and referrals, medical supplies and donations to each site)
   - We require participants to raise between $1,000 and $1,500 in sponsorship donations. You can collect money from friends, family and community organizations to offset this base cost. A check for $250 made payable to “Loyola University Chicago” must be turned in with your application, followed by a check for the remainder by Friday, January 8.
   - Refunds are not available after we deposit your checks. Instead, your funds will be transferred to the larger ISI pot for future trips.
   - Ministry will assist you in raising the remaining cost through various fundraisers during the academic year, eg.: Bistro Micetich, Dinner Theater and Cash and Carry.
   - As a Loyola Student, you must enroll in the University’s Travel Insurance policy, which will cost an additional $45/month. We will provide the enrollment information once you are accepted on ISI.
   - Immunizations for trips can cost you up to $300. You are responsible for finding out what immunizations are necessary for your trip and obtaining them through your primary doctor, or Loyola’s Travel Clinic. Visit the CDC Travel website for more information: [http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel)

*Please do not let cost be the primary factor in turning you away from ISI. If cost is an issue, please speak to one of the HSD Ministry staff.*
8. May I go if I have other plans for the summer?

YES. But you must discern wisely so that you are not overbooking your summer. While we have two 1-week ISI options, we encourage you to also consider other research opportunities that are equivalent to the Loyola-sponsored research experiences if you have a strong desire to participate in a longer ISI trip.

9. What else will this require of me?

- 4-5 huddle meetings preparing for the ISI Dinner Theater Fundraiser in February. All Hands on Deck!
- 2 Public Health Training sessions, April TBD
- 2 group meetings scheduled by the staff and student leader on your trip
- 3-4 Formation Meetings based on monthly themes
- Group packing of supplies at the end of May before departure
- Reflection & Evaluation: Giving back and making it better
  - All participants will submit a reflection project upon returning from an ISI experience
  - Evaluation: Both written evaluation and face to face debriefing sessions upon return
- Be available to assist with fundraising events and the preparation of future ISI participants during the '16-'17 academic year. This includes, but is not limited to, information sessions for future nursing students and Bistro Micetich (a kick off fundraiser in September)

10. What's the next step?

- Think seriously about your ability, enthusiasm, and commitment to all the goals and expectations regarding ISI
- Consider your other options & plans: Research, family commitments, other professional and personal commitments
- Talk with your family members & friends about your desire to do this (especially your parents/spouse)
- Talk with HSD Ministry staff to sort out your thoughts/concerns.