The University of Michigan Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science is involved in the early stages of setting up a centralized clearinghouse for international collaborations and outreach in ophthalmology. The initial goal is to coordinate ongoing efforts in training, teaching, interchange, research, and surgical missions abroad. The secondary goal is to develop new programs. This poster chronicles the development and implementation of this program, with emphasis on librarian roles and participation.

The support provided is geared both toward incoming international visiting scholars, and outbound Kellogg travelers. The role of the Kellogg Eye Center Library in this endeavor is to provide resources of interest and training for both groups.

- Orientations for incoming scholars
- Accommodating space and information needs of international scholars
- Consultations for outgoing students
- Funding alerts
- Ongoing development of Global Health: Vision Sciences research guide
- Ongoing development of Intranet webpage for incoming scholars
- Dedicated workspace for international scholars in the library
- Enhancing information skills training for international scholars
- Provision of information resources for new study programs under development
- Further investigation of funding resources and travel opportunities specific to ophthalmology
- Increasing faculty pre-departure resource training
- Assessment of program needs going forward

The Center for International Ophthalmology offers a large number of decided faculty and trainees, making up 40% of those currently registered at University of Michigan Medical School’s Global REACH Faculty Associates. This developing program presents numerous opportunities for engagement with physicians involved in global health activities.