



CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR PEDIATRIC FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER UR-MoH-ELMA PROGRAM

I. Background

The University of Rwanda (UR) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH) received funding from ELMA Foundation to implement a program for Pediatric Health Workforce Development in Rwanda. The program will support the implementation of the National Strategy for Health Professions Development 2020-2030 (NSHPD). With this strategy, the Ministry of Health has set the goal to have 234 Pediatric physicians in the public sector by 2030. The program will specifically support pediatrics fellowships, pediatric nursing, neonatal nursing, and doctoral nursing practice for the next three years.

To achieve NSHPD targets, the program intends to fund qualified pediatricians to pursue pediatric fellowship training to sustain the pediatric workforce in Rwanda with the goal of improving quality healthcare. At the end of the training, the fellows will serve as academic team at the University of Rwanda to strengthen fellowship training in Rwanda and phasing out reliance on visiting faculty.

II. Call for application

We call for interested candidates to be trained in fully funded pediatric fellowships (see the specific fellowships in the table below). The training will be conducted out of the country in partner institutions. The tentative starting date will be early 2024.

III. Funding

The scholarship will cover tuition fees, travel costs, living allowances, accommodation, research costs, congress/conference attendance and other related training cost.

IV. Application requirements

Candidates must demonstrate a strong commitment in improving child and neonatal health in Rwanda and contribute to reduction of neonatal and child morbidity and mortality rates in Rwanda. The applicant must fulfil the following requirements for each of the fellowships:



No	Fellowship	Positions	Duration (Years)	Requirements
1	Pediatric Emergencies/Critical Care	2	2	Candidates must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A primary qualification in Medicine (MD, MBBS or equivalent)- A specialty degree/certificate such as the Master of Medicine in Paediatrics and Child health- Having clinical experience in pediatrics in public institution will be an added value.
2	Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition	1	2	Candidates must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A primary qualification in Medicine (MD, MBBS or equivalent)- A specialty degree/certificate such as the Master of Medicine in Paediatrics and Child health- Having clinical experience in pediatrics in public institution will be an added value.
3	Pediatric Infectious Diseases	2	2	Candidates must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A primary qualification in Medicine (MD, MBBS or equivalent)- A specialty degree/certificate such as the Master of Medicine in Paediatrics and Child health- Having clinical experience in pediatrics in public institution will be an added value.
4	Pediatric Endocrinology & Metabolic Diseases	1	2	Candidates must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A primary qualification in Medicine (MD, MBBS or equivalent)- A specialty degree/certificate such as the Master of Medicine in Paediatrics and Child health- Having clinical experience in pediatrics in public institution will be an added value.
5	Paediatric Neurology and Muscular Disorders	1	2	Candidates must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A primary qualification in Medicine (MD, MBBS or equivalent)- A specialty degree/certificate such as the Master of Medicine in Paediatrics and Child health- Having clinical experience in pediatrics in public institution will be an added value.



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6	Paediatric Hematology & Oncology	1	2	Candidates must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A primary qualification in Medicine (MD, MBBS or equivalent)- A specialty degree/certificate such as the Master of Medicine in Paediatrics and Child health- Having clinical experience in pediatrics in public institution will be an added value.
7	Paediatric Nephrology	1	2	Candidates must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A primary qualification in Medicine (MD, MBBS or equivalent)- A specialty degree/certificate such as the Master of Medicine in Paediatrics and Child health- Having clinical experience in pediatrics in public institution will be an added value.

V. Application file

The applicants will submit the following documents:

1. An application letter addressed to the Director of the UR- Centre of Postgraduate Studies describing the motivation to join the program.
2. Certified copies of the degree certificates or valid/recognized attestation from a recognized higher education institution.
3. Two recommendation letters with at least one from academic referees who are knowledgeable about the applicant.
4. A detailed curriculum vitae (CV)
5. Copy of ID.
6. Copy of employment letter
7. Copy of a licence to practice

N.B: All the above documents must be submitted as one scanned document.

VI. Selection methodology

Based on the received applications, the shortlisted candidates will be invited to sit for an interview.



VII. How to apply and key dates

(1) Applicants are requested to follow two mandatory steps:

- Fill the application link <https://forms.gle/7psindnVB7JMJCN9>
- Send all the application documents in a zipped file to UR-CPGS through email at ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw, Tel: 07929 88304; and copy to elmaprogram@ur.ac.rw

(2) Deadline for applications: December 01st, 2023 at 17:00

(3) Application review: December 2nd and 3rd, 2023

(4) Interview: December 4th, 2023

(5) For more information, contact: Dr. Aimable Kanyamuhunga, Paediatrics department chair on telephone: +250788670200 or email: kanyamuhungaa@gmail.com.

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