



## **CARIBBEAN COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND**

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### **THE FOUNDATION FOR EYE CARE IN THE CARIBBEAN (IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY – JAMAICA)**

Announcing the offer of three (3) scholarships to General Practitioners (GP) who have studied in Cuba, or are fluent in Spanish, to be trained as Ophthalmologists in either Paraguay (The Academic Department of Fundación Visión in conjunction with the Catholic University “Nuestra Señora de la Asunción”), Guatemala (Universidad Galileo) or Mexico (Universidad de Montemorelos).

#### **1. CONDITIONS OF OFFER:**

- 1.1 CCB-Eye Care Caribbean will pay the cost of advertising the scholarship offer in the national print media, to run simultaneous with internal advertisements, by the SRHA, so as to facilitate requirements for entrance exam, by the first week in November.
- 1.2 All study leave considerations and privileges are at the sole discretion of the employer(s) of the successful candidate(s)
- 1.3 The successful candidate(s) must give the Southern Regional Health Authority, first right of refusal for employment, upon completion of their programme of study.

#### **2. WHAT DOES THIS SCHOLARSHIP INCLUDE?**

The scholarship will pay all approved costs covering:

- 2.1 Annual return air ticket –at economy class;
- 2.2 Tuition to the applicable university;
- 2.3 Cost of living, including housing –at a monthly sum as recommended by the university;
- 2.4 Academic materials and equipment to include:
  - 2.4.1 Ophthalmoscope and retinoscope plus applicable lenses;
  - 2.4.2 Supporting didactic;
  - 2.4.3 Lap top computer, if prescribed by residency programme.

#### **3. THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER**

The primary scholarship offer is for 3 years, leading to:

- 3.1 The equivalent of the M.Sc in Ophthalmic surgery; (successful candidates will be certified as Ophthalmic Surgeons)
- 3.2 Further, candidates who are recommended (by the university) for the fellowship, will be considered for an additional year of scholarship support following completion of the mutually agreed service bond between the candidate and the SRHA.

#### **4. APPLICATION PROCESS**

Interested doctors must:

- 4.1 Have been trained in Cuba or be fluent in Spanish;
- 4.2 Sit an entrance examination (in Spanish) by the first week of November, 2010; (CCB-Eye Care Caribbean will facilitate this process, as required by the applicable university).
- 4.3 Be prepared to depart Jamaica, to commence the residency programme between January and March 2010, depending on the residency programme to which successful candidates have been admitted.
- 4.4 Return to Jamaica (at the expense of CCB-Eye Care Caribbean, once each year for the 3-years duration of the residency.
- 4.5 Work with the Southern Regional Health Authority, for the bonded period as prescribed by the Authority.

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**“Preventing blindness and visual impairments; while restoring sight and creating opportunities for persons whose sight cannot be restored.”**

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