

FAIMER[®] Education Programs

Improving health professions education
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to improve global health

Fellowship Programs for Health Professions Educators

FAIMER's mission is improving global health through improving education. As part of its commitment to health professions educators, FAIMER offers fellowship opportunities for international faculty who have the potential to play key roles in improving health professions education at their schools. These programs develop skills that allow participants to serve as resources for their colleagues, institutions, and local and regional communities. The programs emphasize not only methodologies for teaching and assessment, but also personal and professional development, leadership, and program planning that are essential to initiate and sustain change.

FAIMER Institute

The Philadelphia FAIMER Institute is a two-year, part-time fellowship program designed to teach education methods and leadership skills, and to promote the development of professional relationships among Fellows. By fostering interaction among international health professions educators and supporting the development of Regional Institutes, FAIMER strives for co-creation of experiences and resources that serve the needs of the international health professions education community.

The FAIMER Institute is comprised of four sessions:

- Session 1 – Foundation (residential in the U.S.) – 3 weeks
- Session 2 – Mentoring and Learning Web (virtual) – 11 months
- Session 3 – Advanced topics (residential in the U.S.) – 2 weeks
- Session 4 – Mentoring and Learning Web (virtual) – 11 months

The on-site sessions are held during the months of September and October in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

FAIMER Regional Institutes

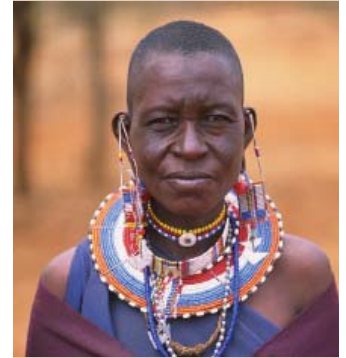
FAIMER has a particular focus on serving health professions educators and institutions in developing regions of South Asia, Africa, and Latin America. To pursue this aim, FAIMER has established collaborative relationships with key local resources to develop Regional Institutes in India, Brazil, and Southern Africa. The Regional Institutes follow the model of the FAIMER Institute with somewhat shorter on-site Sessions 1 and 3.

FAIMER currently has Regional Institutes at the following locations:

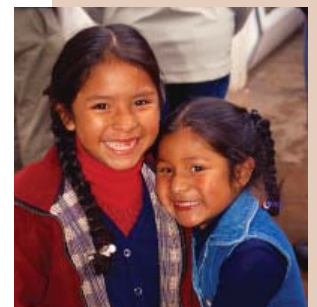
- GSMC-FAIMER Regional Institute – Mumbai, India
- CMCL-FAIMER Regional Institute – Ludhiana, India
- Brazil-FAIMER Regional Institute – Tabuba, Brazil
- PSG-FAIMER Regional Institute – Coimbatore, India
- Southern Africa-FAIMER Regional Institute – Cape Town, South Africa



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“The sense of being a part of a wider group of friends across the world has also helped to bring a broader perspective to medical education. All over the world, these friends are coping with equal or even greater challenges.”

“Our discussions and classes are designed to equip us to be effective agents of change.”

~ FAIMER Institute Fellows

Education Innovation Project

A major component of every Institute is completion of an education innovation project, proposed by Fellows in their initial application to the Institute, and implemented at their schools during Sessions 2 and 4. Priority is given to education innovation proposals that are relevant and appropriate to regional health needs. Projects completed by Institute Fellows have involved education innovations in areas such as problem-based learning, student assessment, information technology, community-based education, program evaluation, faculty development, comprehensive curriculum revision and integration, and distance learning.

Global Professional Community Building

Each Fellow is part of the Institute for a two-year period and interacts closely with a network of other Fellows. Community building is fostered by a period of overlap in the residential sessions for first- and second-year participants, providing opportunities for interaction between Fellows who are beginning their education innovation projects and those who have completed their projects. On-line discussion provides a forum for group work on research and projects among both Institute alumni and current Fellows. The development of a community of educators is advanced by the FAIMER Regional Institutes, which help concentrate Fellows and resources locally. The results are mentoring and collaborative relationships that contribute to regional and, ultimately, global networks of experts in health professions education.

Eligibility

Priority is given to education innovation proposals that are relevant and appropriate to regional health needs. Applicants must: reside and work in their home countries at the time of application and at the time of acceptance of the fellowship award; have strong endorsement from the Dean of their school for the proposed educational project; have a position at the school to which they will return upon completion of the fellowship; have a graduate or professional degree; hold an academic appointment as a faculty member in a health professions school; be in a position of leadership with respect to curriculum and educational policies or procedures (preference is given to mid-career applicants).

How To Apply

The applications for the FAIMER Institute and all FAIMER Regional Institutes are available online at www.faimer.org. Please visit the FAIMER website for application instructions and deadline information.

FAIMER International Fellowship in Medical Education (IFME)

The FAIMER International Fellowship in Medical Education (IFME) provides advanced educational opportunities for graduates of the FAIMER Institute. Alumni of the FAIMER Institute are eligible to apply for Master's in Health Professions Education programs at institutions around the world that have distance learning programs with a minimum residency requirement of one to two months.

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