

# The FAIMER® Institute

Since 2001, the FAIMER Institute has offered an international fellowship program in health professions education, leadership development, and global professional community building

## About the Institute

The FAIMER Institute is a 30-month part-time fellowship program in Philadelphia for health professions educators from across the globe and offers an international immersion experience.

## Certificate

Participants earn a Certificate from FAIMER for completing the fellowship, and those who meet the English language requirements of Keele University in the United Kingdom also earn a Certificate in Health Professions Education: Accreditation and Assessment through the FAIMER-Keele Distance Learning program.

## Education Innovation Project

Participants' education innovation projects are the focal point for application of learning at the FAIMER Institute. Each Fellow proposes an education innovation project that is endorsed by their institution in their initial application to the Institute, and then implements it at their institution when they return home.

For 2019, FAIMER encourages applicants to propose education innovation projects that support maternal and child health. Maternal and child health projects will provide an opportunity for Fellows to connect education innovation and health outcomes. Projects in other domains such as education methods, leadership, community health, program evaluation, faculty development, accreditation, etc., will also be considered.



Currently, the FAIMER Institute has 232 Fellows from 40 countries.

The FAIMER Institute led to the development of the FAIMER Regional Institutes (FRIs), which have further expanded and strengthened our global community of practice to 1,596 FAIMER Fellows. There are four FRIs in India, two in China, one each in South Africa (for Africa), Brazil, and Chile (for Latin America), and new FRIs launching soon in Egypt and Indonesia.

*“FAIMER taught me to dream big and gave me the tools to translate my dream into action and the opportunity to make a global impact in health professions education.”*

— Rashmi Vyas, 2003 FAIMER Institute Fellow and Director of the FAIMER Institute

*“When I started my journey with the FAIMER Institute, I never expected that it would be a journey for life. Once a FAIMER Fellow, always a FAIMER Fellow. Thanks to what I learned at FAIMER, I have been transformed to become an agent for change at many different levels.”*

— Wagdy Talaat, 2007 FAIMER Institute Fellow, Egypt

*“FAIMER has empowered me by building leadership skills which have ramifications in all aspects of my life. More importantly, we are surrounded in a community of practice and help is just a click away.”*

— Henal Shah, 2008 FAIMER Institute Fellow, India



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**FAIMER** is a nonprofit foundation of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG®), committed to improving world health through education. In partnership with ECFMG, FAIMER promotes excellence in international health professions education through programmatic and research activities.

Learn more at [www.faimer.org](http://www.faimer.org) and [www.ecfm.org](http://www.ecfm.org).

## Our Five Curriculum Themes

The FAIMER Institute integrates knowledge, skills, and cultural sensitivity through interactive, appreciative, strengths-based approaches in five curriculum themes:

- Project Management and Evaluation to design and implement education innovation projects that respond to the societal and institutional needs
- Education Methods to acquire expertise in health professions education
- Leadership and Management to lead positive, potentially transformational change and build global community of practice beyond the fellowship years
- Research and Scholarship to contribute to the field of health professions education through education research and scholarship
- Quality Assurance to contribute to FAIMER community of practice for quality assurance in health professions education

## Faculty

The program provides both on-site and on-going support from internationally renowned faculty who are experts in health professions education. They include FAIMER staff, faculty from USA, international faculty, and FAIMER alumni.

## Financial Support

Please see the FAIMER website (<https://www.faimer.org/education/institute/fee.html>) for program fee details. All Fellows pay their own travel and visa costs. Thanks to generous support from ECFMG and other benefactors, a wide range of financial support is available, based on need.

## Contact FAIMER

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## Program Overview

January - February 2019  
March 3-21, 2019  
April 2019 - February 2020

March 22 - April 1, 2020  
April - August 2020

September 2020 -  
August 2021

**Online:** Pre-Institute orientation  
**Residential** in Philadelphia, USA  
**Online** work on projects and mentoring-learning web  
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**Online** FAIMER-Keele Certificate in Health Professions Education: Accreditation and Assessment

To foster global professional community building, residential sessions include a one-week overlap between first- and second-year Fellows.

## Application Requirements

Faculty from all health professions are welcome. The requirements are:

- A proposed education innovation project endorsed by your institution
- A position of leadership with respect to educational policies and procedures
- A graduate or professional degree
- Residence and work in your home country at the time of application and at the time of acceptance of the fellowship award
- Competence in written and spoken English

Applications for the 2019 FAIMER Institute are now open. For more information or to apply, visit [www.faimer.org/education/institute/index.html](http://www.faimer.org/education/institute/index.html).



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