



Foundation for Emerging Nations

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To: Representatives of selected IFCC Full and Affiliate Members

Dear Colleague,

‘Support a Professional’ Programme’: Call for Applications

The Foundation for Emerging Nations (FEN) has received an educational grant to support scholarships to enable up to four young professionals from emerging nations to each visit a high-quality clinical laboratory in another country for 2-3 months training in laboratory management and service delivery. The host laboratory will be selected to meet the needs of the successful applicant and is likely to be an accredited laboratory.

The ‘Support a Professional’ programme is designed for a young professional who has completed specialist training in laboratory medicine and experienced at least two years working in a service laboratory. At this stage he/she will be well placed to benefit from working with a senior colleague in an advanced laboratory in another country.

The operation of the programme will be as follows:

- The young professional selected for the programme will spend 2-3 months in a designated laboratory during which time he/she will be supervised to undertake an agreed training programme.
- Completion of the training programme will involve achieving agreed targets.
- Following training the young professional will be expected to undertake an agreed project in their own laboratory
- The young professional will prepare a written report and a short webinar of his/her training experience which will be shared with the FEN and with peers
- A mentor will be appointed for each trainee to provide one-to-one support in their professional development. This will include relevant e-learning opportunities
- All training and mentorship will be provided in English
- Financial support for the young professional will cover economy travel and good quality student accommodation during the visit together with a sum for mentorship, e-learning and project work once they return to their own laboratory.

Young professionals who meet the above criteria are invited to complete the application form accompanying this letter. Applications should be sent to the IFCC Member society for endorsement Applications and the specified supporting documents should be sent to me by email (gbeastall@googlemail.com) to arrive no later than **31 March 2020**.

Yours sincerely

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