Call for Applications – English Cohort 2

The Caribbean Research Ethics Education Initiative, a Fogarty-funded collaboration between Union Graduate College (US), St. George’s University (Grenada) and the Autonomous University of Queretaro (Mexico), is currently recruiting for its second cohort of English-language trainees. A call for applications for its Spanish-language training program will be released in January.

We are seeking applicants who are currently involved in administering, conducting or teaching research methods or research ethics in countries that border the Caribbean Sea. Previous Program fellows have been biomedical scientists, clinicians, ethics committee members, program managers, public health officers, researchers and social scientists.

We can only accept candidates from independent countries in the region that are considered to be low- or middle-income according to the World Bank. Currently eligible countries are: Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Suriname. Applications from residents of other countries cannot be considered at this time.

The Caribbean Research Ethics Education Initiative uses a hybrid online-onsite approach to provide graduate level education in research ethics. Three levels of training are provided: a three-course Certificate Program, an additional three-course Diploma program for committed trainees who complete the Certificate, and a Masters of Science in Bioethics option for top students offered by the Bioethics Program of Union Graduate College and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Union Graduate College credit will be granted for all courses offered in the Certificate and Diploma programs.

The English-language Certificate program will begin with a seven-day onsite proseminar at St. George’s (Grenada) tentatively scheduled for May 8 - May 14, 2016.

The Caribbean Research Ethics Education Initiative will provides support for travel to the onsite courses, as well as books, Internet access, and an additional stipend to cover the costs of online training.

The basic admission requirements for applicants are as follows:

- They must be fluent (speaking, reading, writing) in English.
- They must have access to an up-to-date computer with Internet connection.
- They must hold a Bachelors degree or equivalent.
They should have substantial administrative, teaching, research, or clinical experience relevant to research ethics.

They must provide evidence of ability to implement the results of their education.

Applications are due January 25, 2016. Potential applicants who want more information, or who want to start the application process, can do so on our website (http://researchethicscaribbean.com).