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Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) is a sister organization of Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), USA and has been successfully running faculty development fellowships since 2000 in USA. Encouraged by the success of these programs, it was decided to take these programs right to the doorsteps of medical educators. To begin with, the first such Institute was commissioned at the Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai in 2005 and the second was started at CMC Ludhiana in January 2006. In 2007, Regional Institutes started in Brazil and Coimbatore. At present, many regional institutes are being conducted across the world.

The Objectives of the Regional Institute are

To enable the educators of health professionals to:

- ◆ Become effective teachers
- ◆ Be proficient in general leadership and management skills
- ◆ Develop positive attitudes towards teaching and learning
- ◆ Make learning relevant to health needs of the community
- ◆ Plan and implement a curriculum innovation project at every parent institute and Develop network amongst the medical educators.

Expectations of the Regional Institute from the Successful Participant

At the end of the course the participant will be able to run an effective and efficient education network to usher in desirable changes in the curriculum and drive the process of medical learning to relevant needs of the society. The participant will make efforts to nurture a conducive educational environment at her/his institute and will forever remain a partner in educational development.

For whom is this fellowship?

The fellowship of Regional Institute is open to all teachers of health professions (Medical, Nursing, Physiotherapy and allied branches) working in recognized colleges who wish to upgrade their qualifications and are keen to develop their education research and impartation skills. The fellowship is a two year long program and consists of four sessions. To get enrolled in GSMC-FAIMER you need to be able to dedicate a minimum of eight hours per month, over ten months for project related work and you need to work to set and meet deadlines.

Method of Selection

A reviewing committee of the Regional Institute in consultation with FAIMER Directors will select the candidates. Previous experience in medical education technology and curriculum development, quality of the submitted curricular project, existing medical education activities and facilities available at the participant's institute, representation from same discipline from the various institutes will be considered besides the curriculum vitae of the applicants.

How Does GSMC-FAIMER Work?

The GSMC-FAIMER is an integrated program which, enables you to follow a course while still working in your institution.

The program comprises:

- First session:** 7th to 13th June 2010. - Seven days on-site training program.
- Second session :** June 2010- June 2011. This session will be mainly interactive and on-line.
- Third Session:** 5 days in June 2011(Exact dates will be informed in FEB. 11).
- Fourth Session:** June 2011- June 2012 Online networking session Mentoring and Learning session.
- On successful completion of all these phases, a certificate will be awarded.

All expenses related to workshop, educational material will be borne by the Regional Institute. For few selected participants from out of Mumbai, travel assistance will be given and shared accommodation at Mumbai will be arranged.

Your participation

In consultation with your departmental colleagues and with necessary approvals from your department and institute, you are required to develop any education related project e.g. lacunae assessment, development of curricula, implementing newer evaluation methods etc. You need to hone computing and networking skills as during the intervening period the contacts will be online.

Application Process

Application an available at www.faimer.org. Application should be completed online before 28th February 2010 and should be supported by the respective Heads of the institution.

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