

Offer of Scholarships by the Government of the Republic of Cuba for Postgraduate Studies in the Area of Medicine

For the Academic Year Commencing 2019

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago invites **ONLINE** applications from citizens of Trinidad and Tobago for Postgraduate Scholarships being offered by the Government of the Republic of Cuba in the field of Human Medicine.

A) Characteristics of the Offer of Scholarship

Purpose of Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To enhance the human resource capacity in the health sector. ii. To strengthen bilateral relations between Trinidad and Tobago and Cuba. iii. To offer scholarships to citizens coming from families with low economic resources.
Number of Scholarships	Two (2) Postgraduate Scholarships
Areas of Study to be awarded	Specialty areas in the field of Human Medicine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Internal Medicine ii. Paediatrics iii. Gynaecology and Obstetrics iv. General Surgery v. Hygiene and Epidemiology
Who Can Apply	Citizens with permanent residency in Trinidad and Tobago.
Tenability	Degrees are to be pursued at the University as indicated by the Republic of Cuba. The scholarship is renewed annually subject to satisfactory performance as indicated by the Government of the Republic of Cuba.
Application Process	Go to the scholarships website and complete the prescribed application form and attach all the required documents.
Deadline date for submission	May 29th, 2019
Response to Application	For nomination: The range of response time is between 60 to 90 days from the closing date of the scholarship.
General Conditions of Scholarship	Applicants should be aware of the following general conditions of the scholarship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry responsible for the administration of this scholarship (hereafter referred to as “the Ministry”) reserves the right to publish the names of candidates selected for Scholarships. By applying for a scholarship, the candidate gives consent for such publication in the event that his/her application is successful. • Candidates will be given formal notification of the nomination for the scholarship award, requesting that they indicate their acceptance of the scholarship. • Formal confirmation of the scholarship award will be issued when all conditions have been met. • Scholars will be expected to take up the scholarship award from the date stated by the Ministry in its notification of the scholarship award.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholars will be expected to reside in Cuba throughout their scholarship and to seek prior approval for any proposed visits abroad except for visits to Trinidad and Tobago. Expenses for any such travel are not included in this award. • As a general principle scholars pursuing these programs shall not undertake paid employment during their awards without prior consent from the Ministry. • This scholarship award will be used to fund the programme of study for the specified period. This award may not be used to continue to another higher degree unless where indicated and approved by Government of the Republic of Cuba. • Scholarship holders will not be allowed to change their programme of study during the tenure of the scholarship. • Scholarship recipients must maintain satisfactory progress and good standing as stipulated by the academic institution, or the scholarship will be withdrawn and the recipient liable to repay the Ministry for the funds expended at the date of withdrawal. • Scholarship recipients must follow the approved programme of study and abide by the rules, regulations and codes of conduct of the academic institution. Suspension from the academic institution can lead to termination of the scholarship. Allowances are not payable during the period of suspension. • The Government of the Republic of Cuba will require an original medical report indicating that the Nominee is not a carrier of HIV or other infectious diseases, does not suffer from a physical or mental impediment that will prevent the exercise of the relevant profession and must not be pregnant before a scholarship can be confirmed. • The Government of the Republic of Cuba requires documents certifying that nominees have no criminal record. • Scholars will be required to sign an undertaking to return to Trinidad and Tobago as soon as their scholarship comes to an end. • The Government of the Republic of Cuba and Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago will only consider requests to extend the scholarship or leave to remain in Cuba post scholarship in instances where it is absolutely necessary. <u>Strict conditions will apply.</u> • The Ministry will not provide any letter of non-objection to work in a foreign country on the completion of the programme of study. • All terms and conditions of the scholarship will be subject to laws and practices of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. • Scholars will be required to adhere to the laws and practices of the Government of the Republic of Cuba. • All regulations concerning immigration and visas are set by the Government of the Republic of Cuba and are outside of the control of the Ministry. • Duration of Studies – 3 years • Applicants must be proficient in the Spanish Language
<p>Scholarship Procedure</p>	<p>Applicants will be notified when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approves the nominations • The Government of the Republic of Cuba completes the selection process

	<p>The scholarship will be governed by a legally binding Scholarship Agreements, one to be executed between the Scholar and Government of the Republic of Cuba and another between the Scholar and Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. These duly executed Scholarship Agreements along with other scholarship policies and procedures shall be the binding authority between the recipient of this award and the respective governments. Applicants are advised to visit our website at www.scholarships.gov.tt to review additional scholarship information.</p>
Role of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago	<p>The nominating Government is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminating information on the awards • Ensuring that applications at all stages of the process are completed according to requirements • Ensuring that only eligible applicants are shortlisted • Selecting only the most suitable applicants • Assisting successful candidates in their preparations for taking up the awards and; • Monitoring the candidate's adherence to the conditions as stipulated in the Scholarship Agreement.

B) Funding

The Government of the Republic of Cuba will pay/provide:

Tuition, Compulsory fees and Books
Accommodation & Meals
Health Care Services
Monthly Subsistence

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago will pay:

Monthly Supplemental Allowance
Round trip return economy air travel

C) Eligibility Criteria

To apply for this scholarship, applicants must:

- a) Be citizens of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and must not be a permanent resident of any other country;
- b) Have graduated from the Latin American School of Medicine;
- c) Possess the following academic qualification:
 - i. Hold a Bachelor of Medicine (BMed), Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), MB.BChir, MBBCh, BMBS or the equivalent Medical degree;
 - ii. Be registered as a medical practitioner in Trinidad and Tobago with the Trinidad and Tobago Medical Board.

- d) Must not exceed 45 years of age.

D) Requirements

- a) Applicants must ensure that two (2) Recommendations are submitted **electronically** by their Recommenders:
 - i. One must be an academic recommendation; and
 - ii. Recommenders must attest to the candidate's ability to perform and to succeed as a scholarship recipient by providing relevant and practical examples where applicable. They must also describe the contribution and likely impact the candidate will have on the institution/community/country.

Please ensure that your Recommenders sign, scan and upload their recommendations to your online application.

- b) Applicants must prepare and submit an Essay, electronically of no more than **750 words** which:
 - i. Identifies a need that exists in the country of Trinidad and Tobago that is perceived as crucial for its development and in line with government expressed policy;
 - ii. Indicates the proposed course of study; and
 - iii. Discusses the impact the chosen course of study is likely to have on the scholar's capacity to meet the country's needs.

N.B. Applicants must meet All the requirements of this scholarship to be considered eligible.

E) Selection Methodology

- a) Applicants will be assessed and recommended for a scholarship based on the following:
 - i. Academic Merit
 - ii. Quality and Content of Essay
 - iii. Work and Volunteer Experience
 - iv. Interview

Please note:

Candidates must attain a minimum score of 50% at the interview in order to be considered for the nomination of a scholarship.

Kindly note that the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is responsible for the nomination of suitable candidates and this does not in any way guarantee selection or placement for this scholarship

- b) Applicants must upload the following documents to their '*Online*' application:

- i. Copies of Academic Certificates, Degrees or Diplomas
- ii. Copy of the **New Polymer Birth Certificate** (with affidavit where necessary)
- iii. Copy of Proof of Change of Name (where necessary)
- iv. Copy of relevant biodata page from valid Trinidad and Tobago Passport. If this is not available, a copy of Electoral Identification Card (back and front)
- v. Valid registration letter from the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago
- vi. Persons born outside of Trinidad and Tobago must provide evidence of citizenship (copy) and residency
- vii. Applicants who are Public Officers must upload a signed letter from their Permanent Secretary/ Head of Department indicating that they have no disciplinary matters pending
- viii. Any further documents which you prepared and which provide greater insight into your research proposal

Please Note:

- All originals must be produced upon request.
- Applicants must ensure that their information attached/uploaded documents are legible at a zoom ratio of 100%. Applicants must not submit documents in 'Zip Folders'. Each document should be uploaded in the relevant field on the upload page. Please ensure that your documents are legible by opening and checking the quality of the document before submitting your application online. Applications with documents which are illegible, cannot be verified and will therefore not be processed.
- Successful candidates will be required to submit a **Police Certificate of Character**
- Successful candidates will be required to submit translated copies of all documents.

Applicants must ensure that their transcripts are sent directly to the following address.

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Education
(Scholarships and Advanced Training Division)
Level 10
#5 St. Vincent Street
Port-of-Spain

Attention: Head, Selections Secretariat

- Applicants who wish to hand deliver their transcripts must ensure that this document is properly sealed by the academic institution and submitted to the Selections Secretariat.
- **Transcripts must be received on or before the closing date of the scholarship for your application to be considered:**

DEADLINE DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: May 29th, 2019 @ 4:00PM

For further information please go to our website at www.scholarships.gov.tt or contact the office at telephone number 622-2181 exts. 1943/1912/1945 or e-mail scholarshipenquiries@gov.tt.

[Click here to access the application](#)

Important Notice:

If you are returning to your application, please go to the scholarships website at www.scholarships.gov.tt and click on SATIS Login to continue your application.