



# CALL FOR APPLICATION

Course: Chronic Diseases in Low- and Middle- Income Countries

Summer Institute 2022: July 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Baltimore (USA)





# **Program Information**

CURES project offer the possibility to participate to the summer institute: Chronic diseases in Low-and Middle Income Countries at Johns Hopkins University for Students from University of Sfax:

## Description of the course:

Introduces students to the major transitional diseases in low- and middle-income countries. Lectures detail specific chronic diseases, stressing such areas as significance, prevention, diagnosis and management. Includes both traditional lectures as well as case studies. Gains basic foundation of the epidemiology and challenges in the management of chronic diseases in low- and middle-income countries, which prepares them to work with research programs and international organizations.

# **Learning Objectives:**

Upon successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Describe the epidemiology, pathogenesis and diagnosis of major chronic diseases in low and middle-income countries
- 2. Explain the role that environmental exposures have in chronic disease development
- 3. Apply concepts learned to develop programs to research, prevent and manage Chronic Diseases in LMICS

#### **Methods of Assessment:**

This course is evaluated as follows:

- 70% Participation
- 30% Quizzes

#### **Costs Covered:**

- Course registration and tuition
- Roundtrip Flight to Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- Accommodation close to the Johns Hopkins Medical Institute Campus

# Costs Not Covered by Scholarship (must be covered by the Scholarship Recipient or another institution):

- Meals
- U.S. Visa Application Fees (if applicable)
- Fees associated with baggage or flight changes (if applicable)
- COVID Test
- Travel insurance



### **Application deadline**

Submit completed application via the below E-mail address and send letter(s) of recommendation to:

courses.cures@fhi360.org

Application Deadline: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at 11:59 PM

(Application should be sent in one PDF file)

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Student from Sfax Faculty of Medicine in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of medical Studies for the current year
- Student from Higher Institute of Nursing Sciences of Sfax (ISSI sfax) M1
- Student from Higher school of health sciences and techniques of Sfax (ESSTS Sfax) M1

# **Application Dossier:**

- Completed Scholar Awards Application form
- CV written in English with contact details (E-mail and phone number)
- A certificate of registration for the current year signed by the general secretary
- Grades from the previous year signed by the general secretary
- 1 to 2 recommendation letters
- COVID Vaccination certificate

#### Selection criteria:

A scoring will be attributed to the student based on the Application dossier.

Short listed candidates will be invited to an interview at Sfax University from April 25<sup>th</sup> to April 27<sup>Th</sup> (Candidates will be informed by E-mail).

Short listed candidates should be able to provide original copies of the Application dossier and complete a non-conflict of interest disclosure prior to the interview.

**06 openings for the program are available** (subject to review based on the allocated budget):

- 2 openings for medical students from the 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
- 2 openings for medical students from the 4<sup>th</sup> year.
- 1 opening for student from ISSI Sfax M1
- 1 opening for student from ESSTS Sfax M1



Priority will be given to students who have not been part of an exchange program or an internship abroad in the past ten years.

Questions about the application or course can be sent to: courses.cures@fhi360.org



# **Scholar Awards Application**

#### I. Academic Achievement

1. Level of Study Completed or Ongoing

| Degree Sought (e.g. | University and Location | Degree Start Date | Graduation Date* |  |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| MPH)                |                         |                   |                  |  |
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<sup>\*</sup>If you have not graduated from the program, list the anticipated graduation date (e.g. May 2020)

#### 2. GPA/Class Rank

A. GPA at graduate or most recent program

For each of the above listed programs, what is/was your GPA or Overall Grade?

B. Class Rank

For each of the above listed programs, what is/was your class rank?

C. Upload current or most recent transcript, whichever is applicable



#### II. English Language Ability

1. Self-reported

For each English language skill, rate your ability by putting an 'X' in the appropriate box:

| Points System     | Reading | Writing | Comprehension | Spoken |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------------|--------|
| 4- Native Speaker |         |         |               |        |
| / Completely      |         | 1       |               |        |
| Fluent            |         |         |               |        |
| 3- Professional   |         |         |               |        |
| (Advanced-High)   |         |         |               |        |
| 2- Advanced-Low   |         |         |               |        |
| 1- Intermediate   |         |         |               |        |
| 0- Beginner       |         |         |               | G G    |

#### III. Nationality

1. What is your nationality?

### IV. Essay Questions

1. Professional Experience

A. Tell us about your experience in public health research or programming. (Limit: 300 words)

B. Tell us about your interest in and/or experience, relating to chronic disease research, policy-making, prevention/education, or other involvement. (Limit: 300 words)

2. Potential Impact

A. How will you use what you will gain from this course to build or improve upon your interest and experience? (Limit: 150 words)

B. How would receiving this scholarship build capacity for your in-country partners? Please give details about your relationship to each of these partners, and their current research or programming related to Chronic Diseases in LMICs. (Limit: 150 words)

# V. Travel Availability

#### 1. Overseas Travel Plan

A. Describe the timeline for your travel, and the general itinerary. Please indicate if there are multiple airport options, or particular travel restrictions, as well as whether you will be able to attend the full course in person (beyond new pandemic related restrictions).

