



UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

The University Of Botswana Faculty Of Medicine's Call for Applications for Postgraduate Masters Degrees in Medicine (MMed): 2017

Background: The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Botswana (UB) offers both under-graduate (MBBS) and post-graduate (MMed) degrees.

This announcement invites applications for post-graduate training programmes in the Faculty that will begin in January 2017. For more information about UB or its post-graduate programmes please visit the following UB websites: (www.ub.bw) and (www.ubotho.net).

Post-graduate Training Opportunities (4 year MMed):

- Family Medicine (Hospitals and clinics in Ramotswa, Mochudi, Mahalapye and Maun)
- Internal Medicine (Princess Marina, Stellenbosch University and University of Cape Town academic hospitals)
- Paediatrics & Adolescent Health (Princess Marina and University of Witwatersrand academic hospitals)
- Public Health (UB, Ministry of Health and DHMTs around the country)
- Anatomical Pathology (UB, National Health Lab and South African academic hospitals)

MMed Programme Content: Each programme has three components; course work, examinations (primary and exit) and a research-based dissertation. Trainees have to successfully complete all these in order to qualify for an award of an MMed degree from UB and for specialist registration with the Botswana Health Professions Council (BHPC).

Transfers: Any Botswana who started postgraduate training elsewhere and for whatever reason has not been able to complete the programme and still wants to pursue their studies, may be eligible to transfer into these UB programmes on a case-by-case basis.

The Positions: MMed trainees will be in full-time training though working in MOH facilities. All programmes except Family Medicine and Public Health will involve rotations in South Africa, for at least 18 months (Paediatrics) and at least 24 months (Anatomical Pathology and Internal Medicine). Trainees on sponsorship from government will receive training allowances consistent with government policies and previous experience. Applicants not on Government sponsorship will have to arrange their own sponsorship to cover the cost of training and welfare. Proof of sponsorship will be a pre-requisite for confirmation of selection for those who are successful at interviews.

Requirements: Applicants should have completed medical training at a recognized medical school and have been in active clinical practice for at least two years by 31st October 2016, at least one of which must have been in an approved internship programme. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure they fulfill criteria for sponsorship by their prospective sponsor before applying. Whilst preference will be given to Botswana citizens in the allocation of training posts, non-citizens with proof of sponsorship will also be considered. Applicants who have successfully done Part I (primary) examinations of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa in Paediatrics and Internal Medicine will stand a better chance of being selected in those programmes.

Application Procedures: Completed applications must include:

- A completed UB School of Graduate Studies application form (downloadable from www.ubotho.net).
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae listing education, work experience and relevant personal information including active e-mail addresses and mobile telephone numbers.
- A statement of approximately 500 words indicating why the applicant is seeking postgraduate training in the particular specialty.
- Certified copies of qualifications and degrees as well as official transcripts from the applicant's medical school.
- Three signed letters of reference.

Selection: Shortlisted applicants will be invited for interviews, which will be oral, but may involve a written/practical component in some programmes, e.g. Anatomical Pathology. The final assessment mark will be 30% experience, 30% academic qualifications and 40% interview. Candidates who are successful will be notified by 14th October and must be available to start training on 9th January 2017.

Deadline: All applications should be received by 31st August 2016.

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