CALL FOR APPLICATION

Course: Chronic Diseases in Low- and Middle- Income Countries
Summer Institute July 2024
Baltimore (USA)

Program Information

CURES project offer the possibility to participate to the summer institute: Chronicdiseases 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 inlow- 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 14, 2024, at 11:59 PM
(Application should be sent in one PDF file)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Student from Sfax Faculty of Medicine in 3rd or 4th year of medical Studies for the current year
- Student from Higher Institute of Nursing Sciences of Sfax (ISSI Sfax) M1 or M2
- Student from Higher school of health sciences and techniques of Sfax (ESSTS Sfax) M1 or M2

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
- Transcript of record from the Baccalaureate
- Transcript of record from the previous year of studies signed by the general secretary
- 1 to 2 recommendation letters
- COVID Vaccination certificate

Selection criteria:

The selection will be fulfilled in two-step process and will start immediately after the call cut-off date.

1. **Pre-Selection:**

Faculty of Medicine of Sfax
- For students in DCEM 1: an initial score will be awarded according to the following formula:

Initial score = 65% * [(Baccalaureate average score + PCEM 1 average score + PCEM 2 average score)/3] + 35% [(Baccalaureate English mark + PCEM 1 English mark + PCEM 2 English mark)/3]

The top 12 students according to the initial score will be invited to an interview at the University of Sfax.

- For students in DCEM 2: an initial score will be awarded according to the following formula:

Initial score = 65% * [(Baccalaureate average score + PCEM 1 average score + PCEM 2 average score + DCEM 1 average score)/4] + 35% [(Baccalaureate English mark + PCEM 1 English mark + PCEM 2 English mark + DCEM 1 English mark)/4]

The top 12 students according to the initial score will be invited to an interview at the University of Sfax.

Higher Institute of Nursing Sciences of Sfax (ISSIS)

- For ISSIS Masters students: an initial score will be awarded according to the following formula

Initial score = 65% * [(Baccalaureate average score+ Average score of the 1st year of License + Average score of the 2nd year of License + Average score of the 3rd year of License)/4] + 35% [(Baccalaureate English mark + English mark of the 1st year License + English mark of the 2nd year License + English mark of the 3rd year License)/4]

The top 6 students according to the initial score will be invited to an interview at the University of Sfax.

Higher School of Health Sciences and Techniques of Sfax (ESSTS)

- For ESSTS Masters students: an initial score will be awarded according to the following formula

Initial score = 65% * [(Baccalaureate average score+ Average score of the 1st year of License + Average score of the 2nd year of License + Average score of the 3rd year of License)/4] + 35% [(Baccalaureate English mark + English mark of the 1st year License + English mark of the 2nd year License + English mark of the 3rd year License)/4]

The top 6 students according to the initial score will be invited to an interview at the University of Sfax.

2. **Final selection:**

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview at the University of Sfax on April 19-20 (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.

Each candidate will have an interview score.

The final selection will be the basis of the following formula:

Final score = 65% Initial score + 35% interview score

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

- **2 openings for medical students from the 3rd year.**
- **2 openings for medical students from the 4th year.**
- **1 opening for student from ISSI Sfax M1-M2**
- **1 opening for student from ESSTS Sfax M1-M2**

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