



## **Medical Education Partnership Initiative Scholarships to attend SARETI Modules**

The US National Institutes of Health (NIH) with the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief ([PEPFAR](#)) have collaborated to form the **Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI)** which aims to strengthen medical education in Sub Saharan Africa. MEPI is a joint effort from the office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Defence, PEPFAR and 19 components of the NIH.

The UKZN MEPI Programme is offering **ten scholarships** to UKZN medical staff and postgraduate students in medicine or health sciences to attend the [South African Research Ethics Training Initiative's](#) (SARETI) modules on Institutionalizing Ethical Review of Health Research and Ethical Issues in HIV Vaccine Trials. The SARETI programme PI is Professor Doug Wassenaar.

### **Overview**

The aim of this training programme is for UKZN biomedical staff and postgraduate researchers to gain theoretical and practical knowledge in the ethical review of complex research protocols such as those for HIV prevention trials, and in institutionalising research ethics review in their home institution.

Duration: 2 weeks

Dates: 15-19 August 2016 & 12-16 September 2016

Venue: University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

### **Module Description**

#### **Module 1: Institutionalizing Ethical Review of Health Research**

This module focuses on implementing institutional ethics review of research. It covers all aspects of Ethics Review Committees' functioning; requirements; existing international and national African guidelines; different models; relationships with host institutions; and facilitating and maintaining institutional change. Conflict management between members of REC's or different REC's in multi-centre trials is also addressed.

**Module Coordinator: Prof Mariana Kruger**

**Date: 15-19 August 2016**

#### **Module 2: Ethical issues in HIV preventative research**

This module will expose students to the complexities and controversies associated with ethical issues in complex multinational trials of HIV prevention products, and cover relevant international and local ethical guidelines. This module provides a useful platform from which to debate international collaborative research undertaken in resource-poor settings with vulnerable populations of varied cultural backgrounds on a socially stigmatizing condition. Students will apply ethical thinking to particular circumstances in HIV prevention research. The module also addresses informed decision-making, standard of care, payment to participants and enrolment of adolescents and children.

**Module Coordinator: Dr Catherine Slack**

**Date: 12-16 September 2016**

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### **Module Assignments**

Substantial time is allocated between lectures in which attendees are expected to prepare and complete a written assignment for each module. The assignments are compulsory and acceptance of the award implies acceptance of this condition. On successful completion of the training modules and submission of written assignments participants will receive a certificate of completion from SARETI.

### **MEPI module sponsorship**

The fellowship includes module fees, training material, accommodation and nominal per diem. Students may apply for one module or both modules offered by the SARETI programme.

**As part of the sponsorship you are required to complete assignments. By accepting the sponsorship you agree to complete and submit the assignments.**

### **Who should apply?**

Members of UKZN staff and UKZN postgraduate students in medicine or health related sciences (including applied social sciences) at UKZN are eligible to apply. Prospective applicants should hold at least a 4-year Bachelor's degree to be eligible to apply. **Note: SARETI teaching and evaluation is conducted entirely in English.**

### **Application**

Please complete and forward the enclosed application to [singhn7@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:singhn7@ukzn.ac.za). The completed application form must be accompanied by a **1 page CV** and **signed letter of support from a suitable institutional official**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please submit your application no later than **01 July 2016** as space is limited. Only successful applicants will be notified.

### **Contact**

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**APPLICATION FORM**

To apply to attend the South African Research Ethics Training Initiative (SARETI) Module on Institutionalizing Ethical Review of Health Research and Ethical Issues in HIV Prevention Trials at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

Name			
Title (Dr, Professor, Ms, etc)			
Gender	Male		Female
Postal Address			
Country of residence			
Email			
Phone Number			
Qualifications			
<b>Highest Completed Qualification</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Discipline/Subject Area</b>	<b>Year</b>
Please state College registered/employed at			
Please list all financial assistance (bursaries, scholarships, fellowships, grants) that you are currently in receipt of.			

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Are you involved in the conduct of HIV prevention trials? <i>Please give details.</i>	
Please list <i>up to 5</i> of your most recent publications related to research ethics or HIV prevention.	
Description of current work (150 words)	
Brief statement of why you would like to attend the SARETI modules (up to 300 words)	
<p>Please provide a letter of support from a contactable referee</p> <p>Please also provide the name and contact details (email, phone number and address) of your referee</p>	

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Please ensure that you have:

- o completed the **application form** in full
- o provided a brief (1 page) **CV**
- o provided a **letter of support** from a suitable referee

**Please indicate your preference. This will enable the programme staff to make appropriate arrangements for the duration of your training.**

Would you prefer to (Please tick)?

- ☐ Commute with own transport from Durban to Pietermaritzburg daily?
- ☐ Accommodation and own transport to be provided by the programme for the duration of the modules?

I understand that the decision of acceptance will be final.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Preferably, email to: [singhn7@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:singhn7@ukzn.ac.za)

Phone contact: +27 33 260 6165

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