



Travel Fellowship in Primary Healthcare

An initiative offered by an informal collective of organisations committed to rural health care



Participating Centres

Basic HealthCare services Trust,
Rajasthan

Gudalur Adivasi Hospital,
Gudalur, Tamil Nadu

Tribal Health Initiative,
Sittilingi,
Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu

KC Patty Primary Health Center,
Kodaikanal Taluk,
Tamil Nadu.

Christian Hospital,
Bissam Cuttack,
Odisha

Jan SwasthyaSahyog,
Ganiyari, Bilaspur,
Chattisgarh.

Swasth Swaraj Comprehensive Community Health Program,
Kalahandi district, Odisha.

Offering young Indian doctors a seat on a

Twelve month journey of Searching & Learning



- Exploring alternative pathways in pursuit of "Health for All" especially for the poor and the marginalised.
- Exploring their inner aspirations and determining what they want to do as doctors in India

Background

There is an increasing number of young doctors who are dissatisfied with the trends in mainstream healthcare and are searching for socially relevant alternatives. They are looking for opportunities to experiment, innovate, become entrepreneurs and make a change in the present health scenario.

This fellowship aims at creating a programme where such young doctors can embark on a twelve-month **journey of exploration, both of themselves and their ideas as well as the realities of health care in India.**

Purpose

The primary intention is to offer them a semi-structured safe space to explore the possibilities and challenges of health for all. To this end the travel fellowship will offer opportunities to visit different initiatives and interact closely with people engaged in primary and secondary health care in areas of need. Such a journey of exploration can help them to recognise, and even begin to develop, the skills and training that they would need if they wish to work in such areas.

Who can apply

Young doctors who would like to take a year off after MBBS or Postgraduate qualification to explore alternative options towards addressing health needs of society

Educational approach

The programme offers semi-structured engagements in multiple real-life contexts. The focus is on the individual and facilitating his/her search through experiential learning and a total immersion experience. Mentoring is a major part of the programme

Structure of programme

The twelve-months programme will be divided into three postings with bridge periods in between. One posting of six months will be in an organisation which has significant clinical components of primary and secondary care. Of the two shorter (two months each) postings, one should be in an organisation which is primarily involved in social and



developmental initiatives. There will be an introductory session and inter-postings meetings with fellow travellers, interactions with mentors and networking.

A modest stipend, adequate for travel and living expenses, will be provided

Selection

The selection will be based on a written application along with testimonials followed by a face to face interview.

Flexibility

The postings and exit options will be flexible, so that the fellows can pursue what interests them and so as to adjust to the strengths and limitations of the host organisations.

No. of Students per batch

5-10

starting with 5 students in 1st year



For more details

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