Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) is a sister organization of Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), USA and has been successfully running faculty development fellowships since 2000 in USA. Encouraged by the success of these programs, it was decided to take these programs right to the doorsteps of medical educators. To begin with, the first such Institute was commissioned at the Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai in 2005. At present, many regional institutes are being conducted across the world.

The Objectives of the Regional Institute are
To enable the educators of health professionals to:
• Become effective teachers
• Be proficient in general leadership and management skills
• Develop positive attitudes towards teaching and learning
• Make learning relevant to health needs of the community
• Plan and implement a curriculum innovation project at every parent institute
• Develop network amongst the medical educators

For whom is this fellowship?
The fellowship of Regional Institute is open to all teachers of health professions (Medical, Nursing, Physiotherapy and allied branches) working in recognized colleges who wish to upgrade their qualifications and are keen to develop their education research and impartation skills. The fellowship is a two year long program and consists of four sessions. To get enrolled in GSMC-FAIMER you need to be able to dedicate a minimum of 2-3 hours per week, over ten months for project related work and for contribution to online discussions. The deadlines for submissions should be met with.

Method of Selection
A review committee of the Regional Institute in consultation with FAIMER Directors will select the candidates. Previous experience in medical education technology and curriculum development, quality of the submitted curricular project, participation in medical education activities and facilities available at the participant's institute, representation from same discipline from the various institutes will be considered besides the curriculum vitae of the applicants.

How Does GSMC-FAIMER Work?
The program comprises:
First session: April 20-26, 2020 - Seven days on-site training program
Second session: May 2020 – April 2021 - This session will be on-line interactive discussions
Third Session: 5 days in April 2021 (Exact dates will be informed in JAN. 2021)
Fourth Session: May 2021 – April 2022, online Networking, Mentoring and Learning session
Fifth Session: April 2022 (Exact dates will be informed in JAN. 2021) – One day CME / Workshop and Graduation (Certification)

Your participation
In consultation with your departmental colleagues and with necessary approvals from your department and institute you are required to develop any education related project e.g. implementing newer T L methods, assessment methods, development of curricula, programme evaluation, etc. You need to hone computing and networking skills as during the intervening period the contacts will be online.

* Limited funding is available to support the Fellows’ accommodation during the sessions, course materials and course fee. However, Fellows (or their institutions) are responsible for the travel expenses. Similarly the costs involved in carrying out the project are also not covered.

Application Process
Applications are available at https://faimer.fluidreview.com/ Application should be completed online before 15th Jan. 2020 and should be supported by the respective Heads of the institution.

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