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Important Deadlines:

- **Electives**: November 2020 Canadian Electives Deadline for upload to SharePoint - **September 1, 2020**.
  
    ▪ International Electives will not be accepted at this time.
- **Block 13 ITERs**: Please email pgmeassess@ucalgary.ca. Block 13 ITERs are two weeks overdue on **August 17, 2020**.

Visit Our Webpage: [https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/pgme](https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/pgme)

We have developed a page dedicated to the latest PGME and related Covid-19 updates:
[https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/programs/pgme/covid19/resources/information](https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/programs/pgme/covid19/resources/information)

Please continue to check this page for the latest and developing information.

PGME Events:

PGME resident educational events and workshops are still being offered. Please continue to register for events you are interested in attending. In the case face-to-face is not an option, we will work to offer remotely where possible and will keep anyone registered up to date. We will continue to provide updates on this status.

Please visit our website for the most up to date workshops, seminars and events:
[https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/pgme/events](https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/pgme/events)
Cancer Centre Photo:

July 2020:
Recipient of the Dr. Chirag Shah International Resident Award – Congratulations!

PGME is proud to announce that Dr. Oluseyi Akinola, a PGY2 in Family Medicine is the 2019 recipient of the Dr. Chirag Shah International Resident Award. The $2,000 award was established in 2012 by Dr. Shah to assist international medical graduates who are adjusting to life in Canada and to inspire them to give back to their community and contribute to making Canada a better place.

Dr. Akinola was born in Western Nigeria and after completing her medical training in the Netherlands she volunteered in northern Nigeria where “the population is predominantly Moslem and the Boko Haram Crisis has resulted in internally displaced camps for citizens caught in a religious and political war. The ones who bore the most burden of suffering were the children and women. Many of them victims of rape and various forms of abuse, both physical and mental. It was a personal challenge for me every time I encountered a new patient there, trying to treat their physical ailment, at the same time wanting to unravel the mystery behind eyes pooled with pain.” This experience led Dr. Akinola to develop her own Non-Governmental Organization “Building this Generation”.

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Dr. Akinola returned to practice in Lagos and was able to raise enough money to annually return to the camps to offer her services. “I succeeded in shipping books to makeshift libraries so that the children could dream outside their current reality and started some skills acquisition for the women including sewing, making neck beads as well as baking, all of which were aimed at mental health therapies. In these circles, they forgot their pain and chatted about the future, sometimes mentioning some of the trauma they endured.”

Today, Dr. Akinola continues her work with the underserved and her NGO “Building this Generation” has remained a priority for her. She is using the $2,000 award to “identify and improve some health indices in the Internal Displaced Camps of northern Nigeria, a direct result of the Boko Haram crisis as well as promoting better mental health, both in Nigeria and Calgary, while working with refugee kids as well as victims of addiction, thus promoting health equity and bridging that gap.”

To see past recipients of the award please visit https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/pgme/faculty-and-staff/awards-and-grants/awards/award-recipients.

Process for University Events On- and Off-Campus as of July 1:

University events on- and off-campus are permitted to go ahead as of July 1, 2020, under a risk assessment process in place to protect the health and safety of our community. Events can go ahead if they align with Alberta Health Services regulations, are entered into the university’s new Event Risk Assessment Tool, and they receive approval from Risk Management and Insurance. Read more details about the new process. Here are the highlights:

- To reduce the population on campus at any given time, the number of events will be limited and there may be restrictions to specific areas of campus. Priority will be given to events focused on research and learning.
- As government regulations may change during escalations or de-escalations of COVID-19, all organizers of in-person university events that have in excess of 15 people (outside of classes and regular business meetings) will need to complete the Event Risk Assessment Tool.
- Risk Management will be responsible to review and approve events. If approved, they will advise event organizers and inform of all requirements to ensure the event can take place safely and in compliance with current provincial regulations.
- All event organizers will also be required to comply with the new COVID-19 Event Requirements as well as the regular Event Guidelines for any on- or off-campus university events anticipated between July 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021. These requirements are updated as government regulations change.
- Event organizers need to take into account the possibility of limited food services and options available, due to the need to comply with regulations on food provision current at the time of the event.
• For the event to be covered by the university’s insurance the department head, dean, director, vice president or other executive member must sign-off that this is a “university event” and complies with the listed requirements Insurable Event.

• Risk Management has provided communication templates for the required event communications Communication Templates.

Units are advised not to sign any contracts that would bind the university to be required to have any event where costs would be non-refundable.

Recipient of Prestigious Vanier Scholarship – Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dr. Hassanabad, resident in Cardiac Surgery and recipient of prestigious Vanier Scholarship - Read more

Cardiac surgery resident and doctoral candidate receives prestigious Vanier scholarship

Ali Fatehi Hassanabad says work ethic, support system behind accolade

PA Update Session Dates:

The PGME PA Update sessions for the 2020-2021 academic year are set for the following dates. The meetings will run from 8:30-10:00am. Information on how to connect to the meetings will be sent out via the Program Administrator email list.

• September 9th, 2020
• October 14th, 2020
• November 18th, 2020
• December 16th, 2020
• January 13th, 2021
Thank you to all of our programs and trainees for your continued hard work and dedication during this stressful time.

Stay Safe and Healthy!

Thank you for reading.
Stay tuned for the August 2020 PG Post!