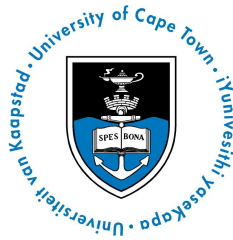


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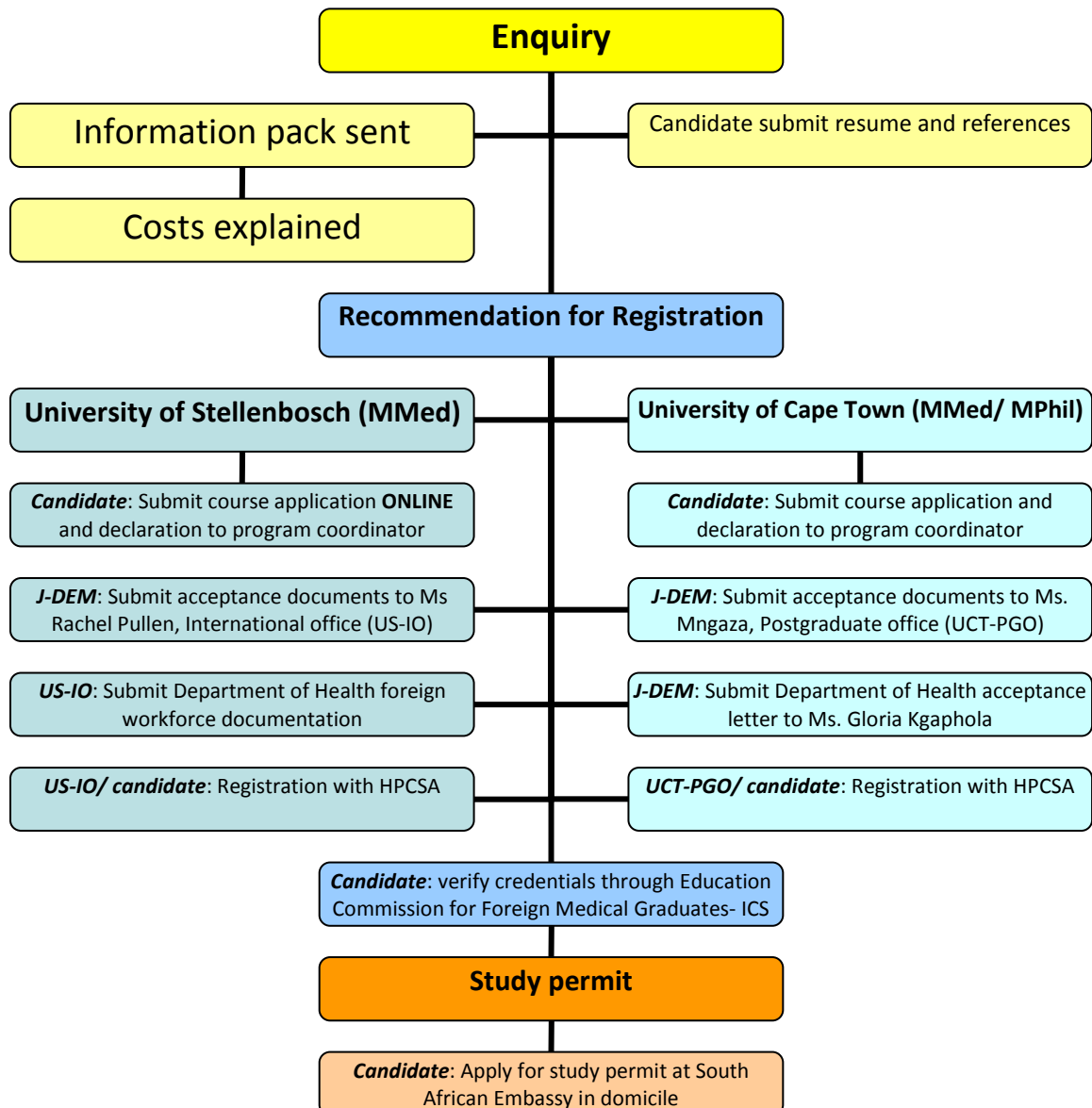
INFORMATION BROCHURE FOR FOREIGN APPLICANTS

This information brochure is supplementary to the Joint Division of Emergency Medicine’s (J-DEM’s) general information brochure, and applies to the MMed and MPhil courses

If you have gone to the trouble of acquiring this brochure you must be seriously considering study through the Joint Division of Emergency Medicine (J-DEM). This document details the regulations which govern study at the J-DEM.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Application is a lengthy process. Candidates should apply at least 7 months in advance, seeing that registration at the HPCSA usually takes 6-8 months. The diagram below details the process.



SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS- WHAT TO EXPECT:

- The candidate will be required to practice medicine of an acceptable standard to the management of involved facilities and the Faculty of Medicine, University of Cape Town and according to the rules and regulations required by the Health Professions Council of SA.
- In the first instance prospective MMed and MPhil candidates will be employed for a six month mutual probation period. This provides for an exit clause should either the candidate or the J-DEM wish to terminate the employment.
- The contracts with candidates progressing past the six months probation period will be extended as per prior agreement and depending on the course (MMed/ MPhil).
- Employment will be in a full-time capacity for an average of 48- 56 hours per week (including overtime). Annual leave of 22 days is available from date of commencement in post (non-transferable).
- During the first 18 months (including the six month probation) the J-DEM will provide the following courses which the candidate needs to complete:
 - Basic Life Support,
 - Advanced Cardiac Life Support (equivalent to the UK Adult Life Support course),
 - Advanced Trauma Life Support,
 - Advanced Paediatric Life Support (equivalent to Paediatric Advanced Life Support or European Paediatric Life Support course),
 - Advanced Neonatal Life Support,
 - Emergency Management of Severe Burns,
 - Basic Ventilation,
 - Wound Management
 - Emergency ECG,
 - Emergency Radiology,
 - Major Incident Medical Management And Support,
 - Aviation Medicine for Health Care Providers,
 - Emergency Centre Management and
 - Fundamentals of Emergency Care.
- A course rebate can be negotiated with the J-DEM should the candidate have current provider or instructor status in any of these courses or the contract is terminated after the probation period.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC ISSUES AND COSTS:

MPhil (University of Cape Town only):

- Specialist registration with the Health Professions Council of SA cannot be achieved through completion of this program.
- Rotation options (mutually exclusive):
 - 1) Complete two year coursework in domicile. The candidate must hold current provider status in the following advanced life support courses: adult, paediatric and trauma life support (evidence to be submitted).

The environment in which a candidate will complete the course work will be screened. In addition the candidate needs to appoint a suitable clinical supervisor whom would also be subjected to screening. MPhil form 2 (environment accreditation) is used for this purpose (can be downloaded from www.emergencymed.co.za). The candidate will have to travel to SA to complete exams.
 - 2) Complete two year coursework in J-DEM Emergency Departments (ED). Upon receiving confirmation of appointment the electives coordinator will devise a six monthly rotation through J-DEM EDs to include paediatrics as at least one of the rotations
- Estimated cost (approximate figures, based on 2009 rates – the final figure will vary with changes in University fees and inflation):
 - 1) Year 1: R13,060. An additional R33,000 fee should a supernumerary post be taken up (includes coursework and the courses specified above) (i.e. If you study in your own country, R13,060; if you study in Cape Town, R46,000 including all courses as detailed above)
 - 2) Year 2: R13,060. An additional R10,000 fee should a supernumerary post be taken up (includes coursework and exam guidance)
 - 3) Candidates in a supernumerary post who have yet to complete a dissertation may at the discretion of the HOD remain at the J-DEM for a third year. The electives coordinator may at his/ her discretion include subspecialties (orthopaedics, etc.) in the rotation for Year 3. Costs similar to Year 2
 - 4) International fees (see below)
- The full fee for the first year is payable to the J-DEM at registration
- The outstanding annual balance is due prior to commencing work at the start of each academic year. Use this link to a currency converter: <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>

M.Med (University of Cape Town and Stellenbosch):

- Specialist registration with the Health Professions Council of SA cannot be achieved through completion of this program
- Similar rotation as for South African nationals (see Division's general information sheet or www.emergencymed.co.za)
- Estimated cost (approximate figures, based on 2009 rates - the final figure will vary with changes in University fees and inflation):

University of Cape Town:

- 1) First 18 months (includes year 1): R38,990 (includes coursework and the courses specified above)
- 2) Year 2: R15,990 (includes coursework and Part 1 exam guidance)
- 3) Year 3: R15,990 (includes coursework and dissertation guidance)
- 4) Year 4: R15,990 (includes coursework and Part 2 exam guidance)
- 5) Candidates who have yet to complete a dissertation may at the discretion of the HOD remain at the J-DEM for a fifth year. Should a fifth year be required to complete the dissertation: R12,280 (includes dissertation guidance)
- 6) International fees
 - SADC candidates: no additional fee
 - African, non-SADC candidate additional fee: R22,500 pa
 - Non-African candidate fee: R22,500 + \$2,000 pa

Stellenbosch University:

- 1) First 18 months (includes year 1): R42,670 (includes coursework and the courses specified above)
- 2) Year 2: R19,670 (includes coursework and Part 1 exam guidance)
- 3) Subsequent years: R13,041 (includes coursework, Part 2 exam and dissertation guidance). Candidates who have yet to complete a dissertation by the end of the fourth year may at the discretion of the HOD remain at the J-DEM for a fifth year
- 4) Service fee (for campus expenses i.e. Photostats, student cards, meals etc.): R4,150 pa
- 5) International fees
 - SADC candidates: R1,990 pa
 - African, non-SADC candidate additional fee: R3,530 pa
 - Non-African candidate fee: R3,530 + \$2,000 pa

General cost of living

These figures are only an estimate and the needs of students vary. This is the budget the University's International Office recommends to sponsors.

1) Personal monthly estimate budget (for one student)

– Housing	R2,800
– Food	R2,500
– Telephone & Internet	R 500

2) Other expenses

– Books etc	R5,000
– Internet Access	R1,000
– Medical Insurance	R3,750
– Clothing	R2,000
– Settling-In	R1,500 Recommended for first arrival
– Study permit renewal	R 425
– Transport	R 500
TOTAL	R 14,175

GENERAL ISSUES:

- Candidates for whom English is a second language are required to provide proof of English proficiency. Information on the TOEFL and IELTS English proficiency tests can be obtained from the following websites:
 - 1) <http://www.toefl@ets.org>
 - 2) <http://www.ielts.org>
- The candidate may not institute any claim against the Department of Health: Western Cape or its hospitals in the event of being injured or suffering any illness whilst on the premises of its hospitals
- The Department of Health will not render any legal medical protection for any claim instituted against the candidate that may arise during any activities on the premises
- No form of remuneration will be provided by the Provincial Government of the Western Cape (PGWC) for service rendered
- No form of remuneration will be provided for subsistence (accommodation, day-to-day expenses, etc.)
- The candidate's presence implies no commitment for PGWC for future temporary or permanent employment
- Proof of registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, has to be submitted (annually) before commencement of duty
- Verification of credentials needs to be obtained by the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates: International Credentials Services. This is a requirement for application at the HPCSA and they have recently agreed that the document could be submitted within a period of 6 months from the date of registration. Applicants who fail to meet this requirement will be de-registered. This application must be submitted to EDFMG directly by the applicant at own cost (<http://www.ecfmg.org/eics/index.html>).

Should you wish to take up this opportunity please submit your intent to the appropriate program coordinator along with a detailed resume (containing the contact details of a minimum of three of your references) to:

- **M.Med:** Dr Pauline Louw (email: louwpauline@gmail.com)
- **M.Phil:** Dr Stevan Bruijns (email: scbruijns@googlemail.com)