

# Information Sheet: Low and Middle Income Countries (LMIC) Sponsorship Award

## Is it for me?

IPEM's LMIC Sponsorship Award scheme aims to extend development opportunities to individuals from Low and Middle Income Countries by giving them sponsored (i.e. free) membership and mentoring support for an introductory period of two years. Through this scheme, IPEM is seeking to identify and support future leaders to act as a seed of professional activities in LMIC.

## The LMIC Sponsorship Award is available to you if you:

- are living and working in healthcare in a LMIC as defined by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) at the time of application; **AND**
- are able to demonstrate an enthusiasm and vision for developing professional activities in your local region; **AND**
- have an appropriate plan of activities to support professional development in your area; **AND**
- show potential as a future leader in the field of physics and engineering in medicine.

## What will I get?

- 2 years of sponsored Associate membership;
- mentorship arrangements with appropriate senior IPEM member;
- a certificate;
- recognition at the IPEM Science, Technology & Engineering Forum (STEF), held annually;
- eligibility to apply for the IPEM LMIC Support Grant – £150 each year for the two-year sponsorship;
- support from your mentor to develop a 2-year plan for personal and professional development in your local area (sponsored members are required to submit 6-monthly reports on their activities against this plan).

## What next?

If you would like to apply for the LMIC Sponsorship Award, please:

- go to [www.ipem.ac.uk](http://www.ipem.ac.uk) and visit the 'International' webpage to access the LMIC Sponsorship Award Application Form;
- complete and sign the form outlining your plans, showing how sponsorship will support your personal and professional development – you should detail how sponsorship will help develop professional activities in your local area;
- complete and sign the Associate Membership application form which can also be found, via a link, on the 'International' webpage. Please note, on the Associate Membership application form you will be asked to give the name, position and email address of someone who can confirm your eligibility for Associate membership. This should be your line manager. We will contact this person and ask them to confirm that you are working in medical physics or clinical engineering;
- complete and sign the EDI form – also available on the 'International' webpage;
- include a brief CV which should include (but is not limited to): personal details; qualifications and fellowships; current positions held; employment history; current duties; contributions to teaching; contributions to research; contributions to innovation; income; journal papers; patents and other output; invited presentations; professional activities.
- Email your application to: [membership@ipem.ac.uk](mailto:membership@ipem.ac.uk)

## Notes:

- candidates may only receive this award once in their lifetime;
- the deadline for receipt of applications for the Award is 30 April 2023 – the two-year sponsored membership period will commence the following 1 September;
- the VP International will Chair a Panel that will assess applications based on the eligibility criteria using a defined scoring matrix;
- sponsored individuals will be announced in the IPEM newsletters and on the website in May – all unsuccessful candidates will be notified by email.