

## Offer of Scholarships by the Government of the Republic of Cuba for Postgraduate Studies in the Area of Medicine

**For the Academic Year Commencing 2025**

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago invites **ONLINE** applications from citizens of Trinidad and Tobago for Postgraduate Scholarships being offered by the Government of the Republic of Cuba in the field of Human Medicine.

### A) Characteristics of the Offer of Scholarship

<b>Purpose of Scholarship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To enhance the human resource capacity in the health sector.</li> <li>ii. To strengthen bilateral relations between Trinidad and Tobago and Cuba.</li> <li>iii. To offer scholarships to citizens coming from families with low economic resources.</li> </ul>
<b>Number of Scholarships</b>	Two (2) Postgraduate Scholarships.
<b>Areas of Study to be awarded</b>	Specialty areas for postgraduate studies in the field of human medicine as specified in the invitation from the Government of the Republic of Cuba. <b>Attachment I</b> refers.
<b>Who Can Apply</b>	Citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.
<b>Tenability</b>	Postgraduate degrees are to be pursued at the University as indicated by the Government of the Republic of Cuba. The scholarship is renewed annually subject to satisfactory performance by the Government of the Republic of Cuba as evidenced by having met the requirements of the institution for the student to be in good academic standing.
<b>Application Process</b>	The prescribed application form is available at <a href="http://www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt">www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt</a> for completion and submission along with all the supporting documents.
<b>Deadline date for submission</b>	<b>April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 4 pm.</b>
<b>Response to Application</b>	The advertisement and selection process must be completed and nominations made by the respective Governments between 60 to 90 days from the close of the application phase of the scholarship.
<b>General Conditions of Scholarship</b>	<p>Applicants should be aware of the following general conditions of the scholarship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT) reserves the right to publish the names of candidates selected for scholarships. By applying for a scholarship, the applicant gives consent for such publication in the event that his/her application is successful.</li> <li>• Recipients will be given a formal Notification of Scholarship, requesting that they indicate their acceptance of the scholarship.</li> </ul>

- Scholars will be expected to take up the scholarship from the date stated by the GoRTT in its Notification of the Scholarship.
- Scholars will be expected to reside in Cuba throughout their scholarship and to seek prior approval for any proposed visits abroad, except for visits to Trinidad and Tobago. Expenses for such travel are not included in the scholarship.
- Scholars may not undertake paid employment during their scholarship without prior consent from the GoRTT.
- The scholarship will be used to fund the programme of study for the specific period.
- Scholarships are valid for one degree only and scholars are not eligible for completion of another degree simultaneously or continuation to another higher degree.
- Scholars must not change their programme of study during the tenure of the scholarship except with written permission from the GoRTT and/or the sponsoring agency.
- Scholars must maintain satisfactory progress reports and good standing as stipulated by the academic institution, or the scholarship will be withdrawn and the recipient liable to repay the GoRTT for the expenditure on the scholarship.
- Scholars must follow the approved programme of study and abide by the rules, regulations and codes of conduct of the academic institution. A suspension from the academic institution will result in immediate suspension of the scholarship and can lead to termination of the scholarship. Allowances are not payable during suspension.
- The Government of the Republic of Cuba will require an original medical report indicating that the nominee is not a carrier of HIV or other infectious diseases. In addition, the medical report must show that he/she does not suffer from any physical or mental impediment that will prevent the exercise of the relevant profession. The nominee must not be pregnant before a scholarship can be confirmed.
- The Government of the Republic of Cuba requires documents certifying that nominees have no criminal record.
- Recipients of scholarships will be required to sign a Master Scholarship Loan Agreement (MSLA) to return to Trinidad and Tobago and report in person to the Ministry responsible for the administration of this scholarship within one (1) month of completion of the requirements for the award of the degree.
- The Government of the Republic of Cuba and the GoRTT will only consider requests to extend the scholarship or grant leave to remain in Cuba post scholarship in instances where it is absolutely necessary. **Strict conditions will apply.**
- The Ministry responsible for the administration of this scholarship will not provide any letter of non-objection to work in a foreign country on the completion of the programme of study.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All terms and conditions of the scholarship will be subject to local law and practices in the country of study and sponsoring country.</li> <li>• Scholars will be required to adhere to the laws and practices in the foreign jurisdiction where they reside.</li> <li>• All regulations concerning immigration and visas are set by the Government of the Republic of Cuba and are outside of the control of the Scholarships and Advanced Training Division, the agency responsible for managing the scholarship.</li> <li>• The duration of study for this scholarship is three (3) or four (4) years pending the chosen programme of study.</li> <li>• Applicants must be proficient in the Spanish Language.</li> </ul>
<b>Scholarship Procedure</b>	Final award of scholarships will be made when the Cabinet approves the scholarship and the Government of the Republic of Cuba advises of the selected nominees. Applicants will be notified as indicated above. The scholarship will be governed by a legally binding MSLA. A duly executed Scholarship Agreement, along with other scholarship policies shall be the binding authority between the scholar and the GoRTT. Additional scholarship information is available on the Ministry of Education’s website, <a href="http://www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt">www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt</a> . The application and award process will be managed in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Government of the Republic of Cuba.
<b>Role of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago</b>	The nominating Government is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disseminating information on the scholarships;</li> <li>• Ensuring that all applications are completed according to requirements;</li> <li>• Ensuring that only qualified applicants are shortlisted;</li> <li>• Nominating only the best among applicants;</li> <li>• Assisting successful nominees in their preparations for taking up awards; and</li> <li>• Monitoring the scholar’s adherence to the conditions as stipulated in the Scholarship Agreement.</li> </ul>

## B) Funding

**The under-mentioned payments will be made by the Government of the Republic of Cuba:**

Tuition, Compulsory fees and Books
Accommodation & Meals
Health Care Services
Monthly Subsistence

**The under-mentioned payments will be made by the GoRTT:**

Monthly Supplemental Allowance
Round Trip Return Economy Air Travel

**C) Eligibility Criteria**

**To be eligible for this scholarship, an applicant must:**

- i. Be a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago and must not be a permanent resident of any other country.
- ii. Must not exceed 45 years of age.
- iii. Be in good physical and mental health to complete the programme successfully;
- iv. Be able to take up his/her scholarship as indicated by the Government of the Republic of Cuba.
- v. Have graduated from the Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM Havana), and are currently inserted into the health institutions of Trinidad and Tobago;
- vi. Be registered as a medical practitioner in Trinidad and Tobago with the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago.

**Evidence of any additional qualifications should be submitted with the application.**

**D) Requirements**

- a) Applicants are required to submit two (2) recommendations electronically.
  - i. One must be an academic recommendation, the other, personal or professional.

The recommendations must attest to the applicant's ability to perform and to succeed as a scholar by providing relevant and practical examples where applicable. They must also describe what contribution the applicant will make and the likely impact the applicant will have on the institution/community/country.

**Recommendations must be signed, scanned and uploaded to the application. Only scanned copies of the signed recommendations will be accepted.**

- b) Applicants must:
  - i. Prepare and submit an essay, 'online' of no more than 750 words, which includes:
    - A description/discussion of a developmental need that exists in Trinidad and Tobago;
    - A description/discussion of a programme of study that deals significantly with the need identified; and

- A description/discussion of how exposure to the selected programme of study equips the candidate in meeting the identified need.

**Please ensure your essay is formatted according to the following specifications:**

- Typed in font style Times New Roman;
- Font size 12;
- Line spacing: 1.0;
- Aligned: Justified; and
- A declared word count is displayed at the end of the study plan/essay.

**Your essay must be scanned and uploaded to the online application.**

**N.B. Applicants must meet All the minimum requirements of this scholarship to be considered eligible.**

### **E) Selection Methodology**

- For all awards, candidates must first meet the standards set for academic merit. Those candidates will then be assessed and recommended for a scholarship on the following:
  - Quality and Content of Essay
  - Interview
    - (Area A) - Work and Volunteer Experience/ General/ Competencies
    - (Area B) - Awareness of Needs of Sector
    - (Area C) - Evaluation of Contribution to Underserved Communities
- Applicants must upload the following documents to their '*Online*' application:
  - Copies of Academic Certificates, Degrees or Diplomas;
  - Copy of the **New Polymer Birth Certificate** (with affidavit where necessary);
  - Copy of Proof of Change of Name (where necessary);
  - Copy of relevant biodata page from valid Trinidad and Tobago Passport. If this is not available, a copy of Electoral Identification Card (back and front);
  - Valid registration letter from the Medical Board of Trinidad and Tobago;
  - Persons born outside of Trinidad and Tobago must provide evidence of citizenship (copy) and residency;
  - Applicants who are Public Officers must upload a signed letter from their Permanent Secretary/ Head of Department indicating that they have no disciplinary matters pending;
  - Any further documents which you prepared and which provide greater insight into your research proposal;
  - Applicants are required to submit a **Police Certificate of Character**.

**Please Note:**

- Applicants must meet all the requirements of this scholarship to be considered eligible.
- Candidates must attain a minimum score of 50% at the interview in order to be considered for the nomination of a scholarship.
- Kindly note that the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is responsible for the nomination of suitable candidates and this does not in any way guarantee selection or placement for this scholarship.
- All originals must be produced upon request.
- Applicants must ensure that their information attached/uploaded documents are legible at a zoom ratio of 100%. Applicants must not submit documents in 'Zip Folders'. Each document should be uploaded in the relevant field on the upload page. Please ensure that your documents are legible by opening and checking the quality of the document before submitting your application online. Applications with documents which are illegible, cannot be verified and will therefore not be processed.
- Successful candidates will be required to submit translated copies of all documents.

**Applicants must ensure that their transcripts are sent directly to the following address.**

Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Education  
(Scholarships and Advanced Training Division)  
Level 10  
#5 St. Vincent Street  
Port-of-Spain

**Attention: Selections Secretariat**

- Applicants who wish to hand deliver their transcripts must ensure that this document is properly sealed by the academic institution and submitted to the Selections Secretariat.
- Transcripts must be received on or before the closing date of the scholarship for your application to be considered:

**DEADLINE DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 4 pm.**

For further information please go to our website at [www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt](http://www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt) or contact the office at telephone number 622-2181 ext. 1943, 1942 or email [scholarshipenquiries@moe.gov.tt](mailto:scholarshipenquiries@moe.gov.tt).

[Click here to access the application](#)

**Important Notice:**

**If you are returning to your application, please go to the scholarships website at [www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt](http://www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt) and click on Scholarship GMS Login to continue your application.**

**Breakdown of specialties of the postgraduate scholarships in Human Medicine**

Medical specialties (postgraduated) to be offered in the Scholarship Plan and Resolution 283/2020 for the 2025 year.

(The granting of the scholarship does not include modifications in the period of time or content to the approved study plan in the Republic of Cuba).

Allergology (3 years)	Nephrology (3 years)
Human Anatomy (4 years)	Neonatology (3 years)
Anatomical Pathology (3 years)	Neurology (3 years)
Anaesthesiology and Resuscitation (4 years)	Obstetrics and Gynaecology (4 years)
Angiology and Vascular Surgery (4 years)	Ophthalmology (3 years)
Biostatistics (3 years)	Oncology (3 years)
Clinical Biochemistry (4 years)	Orthopaedics and Traumatology (4 years)
Cardiology (3 years)	Paediatrics (3 years)
General Surgery (4 years)	Child Psychiatry (3 years)
Paediatric surgery (4 years)	
Coloproctology (3 years)	
Dermatology (3 years)	
Embryology (4 years)	
Endocrinology (3 years)	
Pharmacology (4 years)	
Normal and Pathological Physiology (4 years)	
Gastroenterology (3 years)	
Clinical Genetics (4 years)	
Geriatrics and Gerontology (3 years)	
Haematology (3 years)	
Hygiene and Epidemiology (3 years)	
Histology (4 years)	
Imaging (4 years)	
Immunology (3 years)	
Clinical Laboratory (3 years)	
Speech Therapy and Phoniatics (3 years)	
Comprehensive General Medicine (3 years)	
Adult Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine (3 years)	
Paediatric Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine (3 years)	
Internal Medicine (3 years)	
Natural and Traditional Medicine (3 years)	
Microbiology (3 years)	

① Graduates in Cuba (ELAM) must first complete this speciality of General Comprehensive Medicine in order to be able to opt as a second speciality for another of those listed here.