

News on Funding for South Sudanese Doctors & others undertaking Postgraduate Studies

The Committee of the Gordon Memorial College Trust Fund (GMCTF) met in London on Tuesday 28th March 2017 and awarded grants to eight South Sudanese doctors undertaking postgraduate studies at Master of Medicine (MMed) level in various specialities. The grants, of varying size, will help these doctors meet fees and some subsistence costs.

At the same meeting funds provided by the Juba Link Executive Committee were distributed to a further six deserving South Sudanese postgraduates to support their studies in the last year of their respective MMed programmes in various universities in Uganda. All those who received the grants had made explicit commitments to the GMCTF committee (and the Juba Link) that on completing their studies they will return to South Sudan to help in the development of health services there, and to deliver much-needed care.

Both sets of grants were awarded on merit using clearly predefined criteria. At present, most South Sudanese recipients of grants from the GMCTF are studying medicine, but the GMCTF also supports applicants from Sudan and South Sudan, and from other professional backgrounds, provided the skills they acquire will contribute to developing Sudan and South Sudan. Applications for the next round of GMCTF grants will open in early 2018 on the website at www.gmctf.org.

Individuals or institutions who would like to offer donations to support the work of GMCTF should contact the Secretary through the address on the website.

Those awarded grants from either the GMCTF or the Juba Link are:

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1. **Gel, Dr. Gawar Isaac Daian** - Master of Medicine in Paediatrics and Child Health - Makerere University
2. **Loro, Dr. Jada Francis** - Master of Medicine in General Surgery - Makerere University
3. **Aputu, Dr. Viola Mark** - Master in Diagnostic Radiology - Makerere University
4. **Lumori, Dr. Boniface Amanee Elias** - Master of Internal Medicine - Mbarara University of Science and Technology
5. **Kuany, Dr. Anthony Manyang Deng** - Master

of Medicine in Obstetrics and Gynaecology - Mbarara University of Science and Technology

6. **Taban, Dr. Moses Kenyi** - Master of Medicine in Obstetrics and Gynaecology - Makerere University

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1. **Koma, Dr. Akim** - Master of Medicine in General Surgery - Uganda Martyrs University
2. **Natana, Dr. Gift** - Master of Dentistry in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery - Muhimbili University, Tanzania
3. **Malik, Dr. Morbe** - Clinical MD Otolaryngology - Cairo University
4. **Zachariah, Dr. Denis** - Master Degree in Paediatrics and Child Health - Aga Khan University, Nairobi
5. **Deng, Dr. Amira** - Master of Medicine Internal Medicine - Muhimbili University, Tanzania
6. **Ngoth, Dr. Deng Atwan Ater** - Master of Medicine in General Surgery - Makerere University -
7. **Morgan, Emmanuel Denis** - Master of Medicine in Pathology - Makerere University
8. **Akol, Dr. Olang** - General surgery - St. Paul's Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The process is a competitive one: a further 6 applicants were shortlisted, but their applications were not deemed sufficiently strong to be funded; 36 doctors seeking support for further studies did not reach the short list. Those applying are encouraged to pay close attention to the guidance notes for applicants which are available through the website, and to provide the information requested clearly and in the form requested.

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