

News from the Gordon Memorial College Trust Fund

At the last annual Committee meeting of the Gordon Memorial College Trust Fund (GMCTF) on 19th March 2026, applications for postgraduate grants were considered.

The results are presented below:

Total number of individual applications submitted: **142**

Total number of individual applications approved: **31** (10 female)

- Applicants with Sudanese nationality: **4** (2 female)
- Applicants with South Sudanese nationality: **27** (8 female)

Total amount awarded **\$101,100 USD**

- **\$12,200** to Sudanese individuals (\$5,000 to females)
- **\$88,900** to South Sudanese individuals (\$25,350 to females)

Breakdown of 27 South Sudanese grant recipients

Current location:

- 20 – Ethiopia
- 4 – Uganda
- 2 – South Sudan
- 1 – Kenya

Institution of study:

- 5 - Addis Ababa University
- 4 - Woliata Sodo University
- 3 - Jimma University
- 3 - Yekatit 12 Hospital Medical College

- 2 - Hawassa University
- 3 - St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College
- 3 - Makerere University
- 1 - Adama Hospital Medical College, Ethiopia
- 1 – COSECSA (Juba Military Referral Hospital)
- 1 - Kampala International University
- 1 - University of Nairobi

Post-grad qualifications that will be gained include:

- Specialty Certificate - Internal Medicine
- Specialty Certificate - Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Membership of COSECSA
- Master's degree in general surgery
- MD – Paediatrics
- MSc. Neurosurgery

Many applicants were either ineligible for the award of a grant or did not align well with GMCTF's published criteria on the charity website www.gmctf.org.

Potential applicants should closely follow the GMCTF guidance (including the information we require from referees) if they want to improve their chances of success. Recycling previous references is not acceptable. Those applying for extension of their grants must produce clearly written evidence from their Programme Directors and/or Deans of the relevant faculties that they have successfully completed the courses in the current year of study and have been deemed suitable to progress to the next level of the course.

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