



Nixon Memorial Hospital, Segbwema, Sierra Leone

Medical Opportunity Advertisement: Doctor

Applications are sought for the post of a bursary supported voluntary Medical Doctor at Nixon Memorial Hospital, Segbwema, Sierra Leone. A minimum of 2 years post-graduate medical experience is required (Completion of UK foundation Programme or equivalent) together with full registration with the GMC or equivalent. Experience in obstetrics, paediatrics and emergency medicine is desirable as is some experience of working in a low resource setting or an insight into tropical medicine.

Due to a diverse range of clinical need, applicants working in all medical specialties (or none) are welcome to discuss their suitability for the role. The role may be suitable for an Out of Programme Experience (OOPE) for individuals in specialty training.

About the hospital: Nixon Memorial Hospital is a mission hospital in rural eastern Sierra Leone, approximately 350km from Freetown. It serves an estimated population of 30,000 providing daily outpatient and 24 hour inpatient care across 5 wards including paediatrics and maternity. It has a functioning operating theatre and laboratory offering basic investigations. It is currently staffed by one Sierra Leonean doctor, supported by a Community Health Officer, nursing team and voluntary overseas medics. It is anticipated that Nixon Memorial Nursing school will re-open in 2024 with students undertaking their clinical experience at the hospital.

The role: Will include provision of inpatient and outpatient clinical care across medical specialties, although there is scope for the successful applicant to additionally focus and potentially lead care on an area of particular interest.

The opportunity will enable the successful candidate to:

- Gain exposure to, and develop skills in managing, common tropical diseases
- Improve clinical skills and decision making in a low resource setting
- Gain leadership and management skills through working with a multi-disciplinary team of healthcare professionals and contributing to the hospital's management team, overseeing the day to day running of the hospital and its strategic development
- Develop teaching skills
- Develop a clinical service, quality improvement project, or protocol or guidelines in their area of interest. Previous supported projects have included:
 - *Introduction of oxygen provision through concentrators together with emergency paediatric protocols*
 - *Spatial dynamics of ground-level malaria prevention; tackling severe paediatric malaria in Sierra Leone through motorcycle mapping and community empowerment*

Support: The post is voluntary. A bursary of up to £4000 (dependent on placement duration) can be awarded to successful candidates to contribute towards flights and living costs. Accommodation is provided free of charge, as is transport from Freetown to the hospital on arrival.

Registration with the Medical and Dental Council of Sierra Leone is required and can be organised on arrival in country on production of original medical qualifications.

Pre-, during and post placement clinical and pastoral support can be provided in person and virtually.

Joint applications are welcome.

Duration: Applicants should be able to commit for a minimum of 3 -6 months

Start date: Flexible

Opportunities may also be available for nursing and midwifery professionals, especially those with an interest in education or management.

To apply or for further information please contact Dr Rob Burnie

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