



AAMP

Alumni Admission Mentor Program

The First Step

Alumni Mentor Scholarships Open Door for Med/Vet Students to Attain SGU Education

They used St. George's University as a springboard to their own success, and in August 2013, four graduates helped pave the way for select MD entering students to achieve their own goals through the University's Alumni Mentor Scholarship Program.

The first class of students to receive Alumni Mentor Scholarships, all nominated by SGU graduates, took its first step toward becoming doctors at August's White Coat Ceremonies. As recipients, they had demonstrated the commitment and dedication necessary to achieve academic success, as well as the passion and drive to become physicians.

"In these students, our graduates see the same qualities that have made them successful in their own medical careers," St. George's University Chancellor Charles R. Modica said. "We look forward to equipping these highly promising individuals with the knowledge and skills

necessary to thrive as future doctors."

Among the Fall 2013 recipients was Moeed Chohan, who worked alongside his mentor, Dr. Omair Chaudhary, MD
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Message from the AAMP Coordinator



"Good health and good sense are two of life's greatest blessings."
– Publilius Syrus

School is back in session! The excitement around campus when a new class of students arrives never gets old. Surely you recall those first few days and weeks when you were getting settled in, whether it was in Grenada or the UK. We wish the Fall 2013 class

the best of luck.

Some exciting news: As announced above, we awarded the first batch of Alumni Mentor Scholarships to four highly qualified students. Our graduates recommended SGU to these exemplary individuals, and through this program, they will receive a quality medical education at a fraction of the cost. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity as well, and join your student at their White Coat Ceremony.

On the recruitment front, we are once again traveling the world this fall to find students who are both bright and driven. Our administrators and advisors will make stops on five continents, and we always encourage area alumni to pitch in. You know the ins and outs of what it takes to be a successful student and practitioner, and thus prospective students greatly appreciate at information sessions, Backstage at SGU sessions, and webinars. Thanks to all those who made the 2012–2013 recruitment year such a success.

"Welcome to our latest group of alumni—the Class of 2013."

We also want to hear the latest news from your end, whether you've moved on to a new position, practice, state, or country. We have more than 13,000 University graduates who have gone on to over 50 countries worldwide, and we appreciate all the updates. E-mail me at bmills@sgu.edu.
– Betsy Mills

THREE WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUT

With the **Alumni Admission Mentor Program (AAMP)**, St. George's University has a strong network of graduates who can connect with prospective students because they have experienced med and vet school, as well as island life firsthand. There are a number of ways in which alumni can contribute, including the following:

1. Information Sessions

Throughout the year we host information sessions in major cities around the world. Each session includes an in-depth 60-minute presentation by a member of our administration, followed by Q&A with our current students and graduates.

2. Webinars

Students can log on and learn about St. George's University from anywhere in the world. These web-based information sessions include a brief 30-minute presentation by one of our administrators as well as live chat and Q&A with current students and graduates. Webinars are scheduled to accommodate different regions around the world.

3. Backstage at SGU

Students, alumni and administration speak with prospective students at these informal meet-and-greets, giving them a firsthand account of what life is like at SGU. These small receptions typically coincide with some of our information sessions.

If you are interested in attending a presentation, you can register online. Visit sgu.edu/infosessions or call 1 (800) 899-6337 ext. 9 1280 in the US and Canada or 0800 1699061 ext. 9 1380 in the UK. From all other areas, please call +1 (631) 665-8500 ext. 9 1380.

Featured AAMP Volunteers



Michel Nawfal, MD
Class of 2003

Dr. Nawfal practices as a prescribing clinical psychologist in Lebanon, treating patients that suffer from psychiatric and psychological disorders and providing a much-needed service in a country that has endured 30 years of war and political unrest. In addition to extensive research experience, he lectures at Notre Dame University, the Lebanese American University, and is also a guest lecturer at the American University of Beirut.

Orapeleng Phuswane, BSc, MD
Class of 2011

Dr. Phuswane is a medical officer in pediatrics at Princess Marina Hospital in Gaborone, Botswana, and is "loving every moment." She earned her Bachelor of Science from SGU in 2007 and went on to garner her Doctor of Medicine in 2011. In 2012, she served as the SGU School of Medicine class speaker at the first-ever SGU commencement ceremony in Botswana.



Terry Reding, MD
Class of 1985

Dr. Reding is the team physician for Fresno State University in his native state of California, treating a myriad of injuries for the country's top-tier athletes. He is also an associate clinical professor at the University of California, San Francisco, instructing second- and third-year family practice residents. Dr. Reding gives back to SGU by interviewing and meeting with students at West Coast information sessions.

St. George's University Unveils 'Chances Are' Campaign

With more than 11,000 MD graduates, SGU has made a seismic impact on global health care. That notion is at the core of the University's new campaign, "Chances Are." The ads have appeared in such publications as *The Princeton Review* and *The New York Times*, on ABC television affiliates, a wide range of radio stations, and college campuses throughout the US and Canada.

SHE TREATED YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WRESTLING INJURY IN 2007.



Chances are you already know a St. George's University doctor. There are over 11,000 SGU doctors in the US and around the world. And, SGU has put more doctors into the US health care system than two-thirds of US medical schools.* In 2012 alone, SGU graduates obtained over 800 residency positions in the US. Study medicine at SGU and join thousands of SGU doctors practicing in neighborhoods like yours.

Find out about information sessions and webinars in your area at sgu.edu/futurestudents



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SGU Alumni Weigh In On Global Accreditation

More than 90 percent of doctors, veterinarians, and public health specialists responding to the second “One World, One Health, One Medicine” poll from St. George’s University believe that a global accreditation authority would be beneficial for medicine. However, they disagreed on the impact/result such an authority would have, as well as whether one could ever be established due to perceived obstacles.

SGU recently polled alumni from the Schools of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine to weigh in on the following question:

Is there a need for international accrediting authorities for medicine, veterinary medicine, and public health?

Results based on 269 responders.

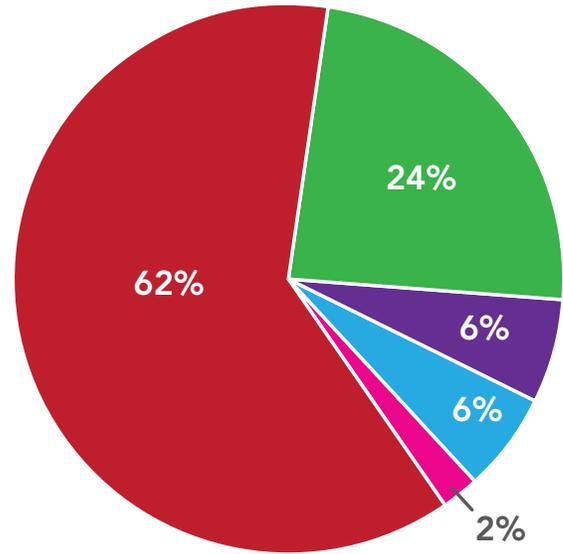
62% responded, “Yes, global accreditation authorities would help improve standards, promote continuous review and improvement in competencies and would provide a valuable way for those qualified with these professional degrees to be recognized internationally.”

24% responded, “Yes, but given the complexity and differences in the “health” needs in different parts of the world, one size will never fit all.”

6% responded, “Yes, such accreditations would facilitate a greater potential for international travel, which would enable such professionals to learn from one another.”

6% responded, “No, the current system is adequate.”

2% responded, “Yes, but an agreement on such standards could never be reached.”



SOURCE: Poll of St. George’s University alumni, conducted August 2013

ST. GEORGE’S UNIVERSITY ALUMNI MENTOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS – FALL 2013

Entering MD Student	Hometown	Alumni Mentor	SGU Class
Moeed Chohan	Manlius, NY	Dr. Omair Chaudhary	2011
Sonia Dalal	Silver Spring, MD	Dr. Michael Henry	2012
Jennifer Grad	New York, NY	Dr. Kathryn Rosenblatt	2010
Martik Tahmasian	New Haven, CT	Dr. Fred Berlin	2007

University Awards First-Ever Alumni Mentor Scholarships

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SGU ‘11, in the Department of Emergency Medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Thanks to a partial-tuition scholarship, Mr. Chohan can gain a strong medical education at SGU at a lower cost.

“I was overjoyed and very thankful to receive such a scholarship out of all the qualified applicants,” said Mr. Chohan. “To use a metaphor, it’s like the passing of a torch, as if by receiving this scholarship, I have to live up to my mentor’s name.

“This scholarship also goes to show how much SGU values the opinions of its graduates,” he added. “I appreciate the generous ‘gift’ by SGU towards my education and I owe it to SGU to give back to such an exceptional medical school

both through my practice of medicine in the near future and throughout my time here at SGU.”

First-term MD student Martik Tahmasian was nominated by Fred Berlin, MD SGU ‘07, a vascular and interventional radiologist at Imaging Subspecialists of North Jersey.

“Financially, the scholarship helps alleviate some pressure, and academically, it pushes me to step up my studies to an even higher level,” Mr. Tahmasian said. “The education I receive at SGU will be the foundation for my career, for which I hope to practice medicine not only in the US, but around the world.”

If you would like to nominate a promising medical student for an Alumni Mentor Scholarship, visit sgu.edu/alumnimmentor.

Fall 2013 Information Sessions

Join us! St. George's University webinars, information sessions, and Backstage at SGU events are scheduled throughout the coming months, and SGU graduates are important resources for prospective students. Below is a list of where we've been and where we'll be. The schedule is always being updated, so check the SGU website for the complete list, and e-mail bmills@sgu.edu if you would like to help us bring in the world's best and brightest students.

Oct. 12	Davis, California	Oct. 25	Nairobi, Kenya	Nov. 13	Istanbul, Turkey
Oct. 15	San Francisco, California	Oct. 26	Washington, DC	Nov. 14	New Delhi, India
Oct. 16	Winnipeg, Manitoba	Nov. 2	Fort Worth, Texas	Nov. 14	Stockholm, Sweden
Oct. 17	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	Nov. 2	San Diego, California	Nov. 16	St. Louis, Missouri
Oct. 17	Santiago, Chile	Nov. 4	Los Angeles, California	Nov. 16	Orlando, Florida
Oct. 19	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Nov. 5	Phoenix, Arizona	Nov. 17	London, England
Oct. 21	Cape Town, South Africa	Nov. 6	Colombo, Sri Lanka	Nov. 18	Manchester, England
Oct. 22	Toledo, Ohio	Nov. 7	Miami, Florida	Nov. 21	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Oct. 23	Atlanta, Georgia	Nov. 8	Chennai, India	Nov. 23	Jersey City, New Jersey
Oct. 23	Gaborone, Botswana	Nov. 10	Bangalore, India	Dec. 4	Austin, Texas
Oct. 24	Johannesburg, South Africa	Nov. 12	Mumbai, India	Dec. 5	Houston, Texas
Oct. 24	Detroit, Michigan	Nov. 12	Izmir, Turkey	Dec. 5	Denver, Colorado

For details and a complete list of info sessions, webinars, and Backstage at SGU events, visit sgu.edu/futurestudents.

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