

PATS MECOR Level 1 Guidance Notes 2019

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Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania from 10th – 14th June 2019

Please fully read the guidance notes provided before completing the application form
Complete all sections clearly and attach the additional information as requested
Places are limited and well sought-after, therefore incomplete applications may not be considered

Closing date for applications is 17:00 GMT on Monday 14th January 2019

1. Course Description

The Level 1 course is appropriate for clinicians and academics engaged in the clinical practice of Respiratory Medicine or in Public Health who wish to improve their skills in clinical research and investigation. No prior experience is needed. All classes are taught in English and participants are expected to actively take part in class. In Level 1, participants will work in small groups to develop research projects during the week, and present the projects at the end of the course. Give careful consideration to your 'Topic of interest' as this information will be used to allocate you to the appropriate Level 1 group. Faculty members will provide guidance to participants throughout this process.

2. Costs of Tuition, Accommodation, and Travel

The full unsubsidised cost of the course is £1,500. This includes 6 nights full board accommodation at the White Sands Jangwani Beach Resort, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, 5 days course tuition fees and airport transfers in Tanzania to/from the course venue.

Participants who are not able to pay the full cost can apply for a fully or partially subsidised place.

All participants are responsible for arranging and paying for their own travel to/from Tanzania including home in-country airport transfers, airfares, visas and medical/travel insurance.

Participants are expected to arrive the day before the course or any additional training events they are attending.

Please ensure that you check passport, visa and vaccination requirements directly with the Tanzanian Embassy before you travel.

3. Requirements

- Fluency in English and expertise in written English, as demonstrated by writing the statements in this application.
- Medical degree or advanced degree in related areas, such as Public Health.

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- Your attendance is required during the whole course and you must reside onsite for the full week.
- Participants are expected to do preparation before the start of the course and in the evenings during the course. The course work is demanding, and participants are strongly encouraged to defer other commitments for the week of the course.
- Presentation of the research protocols or weeks' work on the last day.

4. Application process

Send the completed application with supporting documents by **17:00 GMT on Monday 14th January 2019** to patsmecor@panafricanthoracic.org. The selection panel will use this information to select the successful participants.

Outcome notifications will be sent via e-mail by **12th February 2019**.

Places on the course will be awarded on a competitive basis, so please remember that **thoughtfulness, level of detail, and completeness** of responses will play a critical role in the outcome of this application.

5. Supporting documents

Curriculum vitae

In addition to completing the application form please attach a brief C.V. that describes your training, degrees held, experience, and publications. The maximum length of your CV is 2 pages.

Letter of Support

It is important that candidates have the support of their supervisors and institutions to attend the week-long course. Please obtain and send the required letter of support with this application.

Photograph for identification

Send a recent **passport** style photograph with your application. No scanned pictures, please.

6. Additional Training

Spirometry Training: 1 day spirometry training will be available to all PATS MECOR students on Sunday 9th June 2019 prior to the start of the PATS MECOR course. Anyone attending spirometry must arrange to arrive at the venue on or before the 8 June 2019.

Air Quality Monitoring (AQM) workshop: An AQM workshop will be available to all PATS MECOR students and will take place before and after the PATS MECOR daily programme.

Please note the cost of any additional training is not included in the course fees or any subsidised place and will be charged separately. Places are limited, and full details will be sent to successful applicants who express an interest on their application form.