



## Call for Applications 2020

### **The Caribbean Research Ethics Education Initiative (CREEi) invites applications to its Masters Degree Program in Bioethics and Research Ethics**

Funded by the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health under Award Number R25TW009731, *CREEi invites applications for full scholarships to its Masters Degree Program in Bioethics and Research Ethics*. The deadline to apply is **Thursday April 30** to start in June 2020. Unlike its previous iteration as a 1-year certificate program, CREEi 2020-2024 is exclusively a 2-year masters degree program.

This degree program is best suited to those involved in research ethics review or health-related professions such as medicine, pharmacy, information technology, academia, law, and many others. CREEi's curriculum has regional relevance across Spanish- and English-speaking countries of the Caribbean basin. Its unique bilingual approach with translations for both languages aims to facilitate and deepen multicultural and multinational partnerships. CREEi combines 2 years of online courses with 3 intensive onsite courses (5 days each). It requires a commitment of 10-12 hours weekly across 2 years with short breaks for major holidays.

Scholarships cover all costs including travel and accommodation to onsite courses at the Autonomous University of Queretaro (Mexico) and St. George's University (Grenada). The Bioethics Program at Clarkson University (USA) awards the masters degree to those who successfully complete CREEi's 2-year program.

CREEi aims to impart and strengthen expertise in research ethics and bioethics. CREEi alumni will be equipped to function as researchers, educators, policy advocates, or academics. The responsible conduct of research is embedded throughout all CREEi components.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or equivalent. CREEi funding mandates that they be citizens of countries in the Caribbean Basin classified by the World Bank in 2020 as low- or middle-income (Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Lucia, St Vincent, Surinam, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, & Nicaragua).



Applicants must demonstrate strong interest and professional goals relevant to research ethics and be positioned to integrate their CREEI education into their employment or career. Priority will be given to those with administrative, teaching, research, or clinical experience relevant to research ethics.

## How to Apply

Submit completed Application Form (attached), 3 letters of support including 1 from the home institution or employer on their letterhead, and an unofficial copy (screenshot) of your *most recent transcript* with your application **by Thursday April 30, 2020**. An official copy will be required from those accepted to the program. The Application Form can also be downloaded from <http://unidadbioetica.com> and <http://filosofia.uaq.mx/ub/index.php>. Completed applications and letters of support must be submitted by email to the addresses below.

## Questions or completed applications should be emailed to:

**English-language** to Professor CC Macpherson, Principle Investigator (WINDREF), Professor (SGU), Grenada [ccox@sgu.edu](mailto:ccox@sgu.edu)

**Spanish-language** to Dr. Hilda Romero Zepeda, Principle Investigator (UAQ) and Coordinator, MX [phd.hromero@gmail.com](mailto:phd.hromero@gmail.com), Whats'App:+52 1 442 4468449 **and** Dr José Salvador Arellano Rodríguez, Program Manager (UAQ), MX [jose\\_arellano28@yahoo.com.mx](mailto:jose_arellano28@yahoo.com.mx)

## Important dates

Actions	Deadlines
Call for Applications Disseminated	April 6, 2020
Application Submission Deadline (Application form and 3 letters of support on institutional letterhead or institutional email address)	April 30, 2020
Selection of Fellows for entry to the program	By May 11, 2020
Notifications sent to applicants	May 12-13, 2020
Online Orientation and Classes Begins	June 2020 (dates to be announced)
Proseminar (5-day intensive onsite course at the Autonomous University of Querétaro (Mexico))	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the onsite course is postponed from June and will likely be between October and early December 2020