

LSHTM-CMB Scholarship Programme in Health Policy and Systems Science

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Advance Notification

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the China Medical Board (CMB) are delighted to announce a scholarship programme in health policy and systems science. These scholarships will enable a cadre of young Chinese scholars of outstanding potential to obtain Master's degree training at the School.

CMB is working to establish twinning relationships for CMB-supported Schools in China to help them develop capacity in health policy and systems science. As part of this process, LSHTM is developing partnerships with three Schools of Public Health: those of Peking University Health Sciences Centre, Kunming University, and Sichuan University. The initial phase of the partnership is to support the development of capacity in health policy and systems science in these schools through London-based Master's programmes.

The scholarships will be open to early career Faculty and graduates from relevant undergraduate and Master's programmes of Peking University Health Sciences Centre, Kunming University, and Sichuan University.

Eligible Master's programmes for study at LSHTM are:

- Health Policy, Planning and Financing
- Public Health
- Public Health in Developing Countries
- Epidemiology
- Medical Statistics
- Control of Infectious Disease
- Reproductive and Sexual Health Research
- Demography and Health

Full details of the courses are online: <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/masters/>

Applicants should have outstanding potential and meet LSHTM requirements for admission (normally either at least a second-class Honours degree of a UK university in a relevant discipline or a UK degree in medicine, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard; some Master's courses require specific skills, qualifications or professional experience which are listed in the entrance requirements for each course; students must also satisfy minimum English language requirements). Preference will be given to candidates who wish to develop a research career in the area of health policy and systems science and who can demonstrate how the training will help them in their career progression and in improving health in China.

Scholarships are available for the 2013/14 and 2014/5 academic years, i.e. starting in September 2013 or September 2014.

How to apply

There will be a two stage selection process:

1. Award of scholarships
2. Acceptance on an MSc programme

The announcement that the scheme is open to applications will be made on the LSHTM website. The closing date for applications will be 30th November 2012. A panel comprising CMB and LSHTM staff will review all applications and shortlist candidates for interview. Interviews will take place in China in late January 2012. Successful candidates will then need to complete an application form for their chosen MSc programme.

In the meantime potential applicants may make known their interest by emailing their CV and a letter outlining their interest in the opportunity to Elvina.Ebrahimifar@lshtm.ac.uk.

Professor Anne Mills and Dr Kara Hanson of the LSHTM will be in Beijing for the Global Symposium on Health Systems Research 31 Oct – 3 Nov and would be happy to meet potential applicants in person or discuss by phone. Please contact Elvina Ebrahimifar if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.