



2017 International Ambassadors Program Program Goals, Eligibility & Benefits

Overview

The SHEA International Ambassadors Program brings emerging leaders from around the world in the field of healthcare epidemiology and infection prevention to the United States for training, exposure to current science, and connections to the leaders in the field.

Program Goals:

- Expand international representation of emerging leaders with a potential for influence in epidemiology in order to positively impact infection prevention on a global scale.
- Build collaborative relationships between SHEA members and professionals in infection prevention and healthcare epidemiology that are sustainable and mutually beneficial relationships.
- Expose participants to the latest scientific content, research and expertise related to infection prevention.
- Introduce ambassadors to leading industry vendors that serve this market in order to facilitate access to suppliers and partners to ultimately improve quality of care.

Eligibility:

1. Nominees must be able to attend the **SHEA 2017 Spring Conference** during their International Ambassadors year:

- a. **SHEA Spring 2016 Conference: Science Guiding Prevention**
March 29 – 31, 2017
St. Louis, Missouri

NOTE: Nominees must be active in the field of healthcare epidemiology.

2. Nominees must hold advanced healthcare degrees (MD, PhD, MBBS, MPH, MSN, or equivalent), OR have at least 5 years' experience working in healthcare epidemiology and infection control.
3. Nominees must work outside the United States and Canada.
4. Prior International Ambassadors are **not** eligible to reapply.

The review panel will consider in its selection:

1. The extent to which the nominee will benefit from the instruction presented at SHEA's Spring 2017 Conference.
2. The extent to which the nominee's participation in the program has the potential to advance the infection prevention activities at his/her home institution, community, or country.
3. The extent to which the letter of support and the nominee's essays clearly demonstrate his/her dedication to improving the practice of infection prevention and his/her seriousness in applying for the program.
4. The details and feasibility outlined in the nominee's project proposal.

Benefits:

1. \$3,000.00 in US Dollars to apply to the cost to attend the SHEA Spring Conference in 2017.
2. Recognition of Ambassadors while at SHEA Spring.
3. One-year membership in SHEA.
4. Opportunities for networking and interaction with SHEA leadership during the meetings and through online networking as part of the member's only portal MySHEA.
5. SHEA letter to local Ministry of Health identifying recipient as International Ambassador and leader in the field in their country.
6. Opportunity to showcase an accomplishment in their country in the SHEA newsletter and on the website.
7. Possible opportunity to develop and replicate educational content of SHEA in local setting, with endorsement from SHEA.
8. Opportunity to collaborate with the SHEA External Affairs Committee SHEA Research Network, SHEA Members, and past ambassadors for research projects.

Application Requirements:

All applications must be in English, and must be received no later than **COB Friday, December 16, 2016**. A complete application will include:

1. Nominee's CV
2. One letter of recommendation
3. Completed Application, which includes:
 - a. Brief demographic information
 - b. Two brief (less than 500 words) responses:
 - i. Why are you applying for this program?
 - ii. Describe a few of your accomplishments in the field?