



Rokadiya Fellowship



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#### What is the Rokadiya Fellowship?

The Rokadiya Fellowship is a not-for-profit Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) that offers funding to healthcare professionals across the globe to come to the United Kingdom (UK) for clinical observation placements. Our vision is to improve healthcare worldwide and create lasting friendships whilst doing so.

The Rokadiya Fellowship started through healthcare professionals keen to make a difference to health outcomes globally. It offers prospective fellows the opportunity to receive funding to come to the UK and observe health specialities of their choosing. In the process, we hope the fellow will learn new skills, further their knowledge, share their knowledge with like-minded colleagues, and develop lasting connections for continued collaborations.



The Rokadiya Fellowship is open to applicants from any country who wish to come to the UK and feel this fellowship may help their academic or career aspirations.

Please go to our <u>Facebook</u> page or <u>website</u> to watch a video from the founder, Mr Duncan Campbell, who gives a brief overview of the fellowship programme.

## What is being offered?

Successful Rokadiya fellows are offered up to £1000 funding toward travel and placement related costs, a tailored itinerary to shadow UK healthcare departments, a host, and a 'buddy'.

**Funding**: This can be <u>up to</u> £1000. The exact funding will not be known until applications have been received and the appropriate funds are distributed amongst the fellows. You are also welcome to part fund the visit yourself if you are able.

**UK Observation itinerary**: We will provide you with access to UK specialists and departments on your observatory attachment where you can shadow in your chosen speciality for 2 - 4 weeks.

**Host**: This will be someone trusted by the Rokadiya Fellowship team who can provide accommodation in whichever city the fellow is placed in. The host may also be the fellows buddy where possible. Fellows can choose to find their own accommodation if they would prefer.

**Buddy**: The buddy will be a UK healthcare professional who will show the fellow around whichever city they are in, help them go to their attachment and provide a support system for any questions the fellow may have during their visit. Fellows may have more than one buddy.

# Applying for the Fellowship

Below are the requirements for the fellowship programme. Please make sure you have the following in place before applying:

 A one page covering letter stating what you intend to do in your career, what your interests are in healthcare and why you want to come to the UK. If you have a preference, please state which city in the UK you wish your clinical attachment to be in, if you have accommodation, how long you wish to come for (between 2-4 weeks) and if you have any funds available for partial self-funding of the fellowship.

Please note, we may not be able to meet all your requests but will strive to do so and provide you with alternatives where possible.

- 2. A letter of support from a senior staff member who knows you.
- 3. Your Curriculum Vitae (CV) with a photograph.

Once you have the all the necessary documentation in place to apply, you can email Mr Duncan Campbell (Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon based at Victoria Hospital, Scotland) at <u>duncancampbell@me.com</u>. Please copy <u>ahamilton005@dundee.ac.uk</u> and <u>skhader123@hotmail.com</u> and attach the documentation listed above to the email with 'Rokadiya Fellowship Application' as your subject header.

After receiving your application, we will be in touch to notify you if you have been successful. If your application is unsuccessful, please keep in contact via our social media or email and you are welcome to re-apply again in the future. Feedback will be given to applicants who were unsuccessful when requested.

If you have any general enquiries or if you do not hear back from us regarding a submitted application please email <u>skhader123@hotmail.com</u> or <u>ahamilton005@dundee.ac.uk</u>.

We hope you apply to our programme and start a lifelong connection with the UK!

#### Messages from members of the team

**Alice Hamilton,** a dentist pursuing a PhD in Restorative Dentistry at the University of Dundee:

'I'm excited to be part of the Rokadiya Fellowship. Almost 10 years ago I had the amazing opportunity to visit Nepal and gain an insight into their health care system. I met many amazing people along the way, who welcomed me with open arms. They not only showed me their health care system but also invited me into their homes and families, sharing their culture and delicious food! I was able to return home to the UK with a different view of healthcare, lost lasting friendships and was inspired to help improve the provision of health both at home and abroad. I look forward to hosting the Rokadiya Fellowship applicants when they visit Scotland, I am thankful for the opportunity to return the warmth and hospitality I was shown on my visit.'



# **Susan Khader Ibrahim,** dentist with a master's in International Health and Tropical Medicine:



"I am so glad to be a part of the Rokadiya Fellowship. In 2020, I had carried out a health education initiative on Oral Cancer in Palestine. I was welcomed with such kindness and enthusiasm for the project by various Palestinian institutions. During my time there, I gained a deeper understanding into the Palestinian health system and some of the unique challenges they face. I also got to admire many of their strengths in healthcare which I took home with me. I have since maintained friendships with many of the colleagues I met.

I believe that meeting and working with

international colleagues can be an eye-opening experience and provide people with the opportunity to build collaborative partnerships that ultimately help to improve health worldwide. I look forward to assisting Rokadiya Fellows and strive to make their experience an enjoyable and memorable one".

## FAQs

- Who can apply? Any young healthcare professional who has recently graduated within the last 5 years or is a trainee in a healthcare speciality who is interested in observing placements in the UK and networking.
- Can undergraduate students apply? The Rokadiya Fellowship is mainly aimed at graduated healthcare professionals who are early in their careers. However, if you are an undergraduate student and are interested in this fellowship programme, please email us, and keep in touch. We are happy to answer any of your questions about applying after your graduation.
- Can I shadow more than one speciality? Yes. We will endeavour to find placements in all healthcare specialities you are interested in although we cannot always guarantee we will find one in all the areas you would like to observe. Please ensure you indicate your healthcare interests in your cover letter and specify which is your preferred speciality so that we can prioritise finding placements in that speciality.
- What if I don't/can't have all the required documentation but wish to apply? Please email us and indicate why you are unable to provide the required documentation and we will provide support where possible.
- Is there any support obtaining visas? It is your responsibility to obtain a visa however, we are happy to help with some basic guidance in this field.
- Can I choose when to come to the UK? Yes. However, this must be coordinated with placements, hosts, and buddies. We may suggest changes to dates if you have specified them.
- **Do I book my own flights?** A member of the Rokadiya Fellowship can assist you with booking flights. We will be in contact with you regarding this if you are successful.

For all other questions, please contact us via our social media or the following emails:

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We look forward to receiving your application!

From all of us at the Rokadiya Fellowship.