

# PACKAGED GRANT: VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND MEDICAL SERVICE TEAM



## PACKAGED GRANT OVERVIEW

Rotarian-selected and -led vocational training teams of medical professionals assist in life-changing surgeries and provide training to local health care professionals in conjunction with Mercy Ships programming in western Africa. Grant activities will take place off-ship in local hospitals or health clinics.

**NOTE:** Due to Mercy Ships' language of operation, this packaged grant opportunity is only available for application in English.

## STRATEGIC PARTNER



[Mercy Ships](#) uses its state-of-the-art hospital ship, *Africa Mercy*, to deliver free, world-class health care, capacity building, and sustainable development to those without access in the developing world. Founded in 1978, the charity has performed services in more than 70 countries, directly affecting over 2 million people.

## LOCATIONS

Guinea, Congo

## ELIGIBILITY

Qualified clubs and districts that are able to assemble a vocational training team that matches the team description are encouraged to apply.

## TRAVEL DATE RANGES

July 2013 - June 2014: Guinea (after ship has left port)

July 2013 - June 2014: Congo

Mercy Ships and Rotary will work with applicants to accommodate their desired travel dates.

## TEAM DESCRIPTIONS

Disease /Infection Control Training Team	
<b>Goals</b>	The disease/infection control training team will work with Mercy Ships to design and implement an infection control training program for local health care professionals working in large hospital settings in western Africa. Subjects covered may include principles of general infection control, surgical site infection control, maintaining sterile process, gowning and gloving, proper use of bleach, blood borne pathogens and the proper handling of biomedical hazards. Additional training for select participants to include: vector control, infectious disease transmission, risk assessment, surveillance, outbreak investigation and response, social mobilization, specific diseases, Trainings aim to provide participants with the necessary technical and practical skills to develop and implement disease /infection control and sterile processes in health care facilities. Trainings offer a practical approach and are based on direct field experience of facilitators using a mixture of case studies, role plays, videos, presentations, and practical exercises.
<b>Team Members</b>	Each disease /infection control team is comprised of four individuals. The team leader must be a Rotarian and a fully qualified member of the team.
<b>Team Member Qualifications</b>	Disease/infection control team members must hold the appropriate professional certification in their field (doctor, nurse, public health, health education, etc.), as well as at least two years' training experience, preferably in a low resource setting in the developing world, instructing in topics related to disease control/infection control in health care facilities. Fluency in French would be extremely helpful but not mandatory as English/French translators are available.
<b>Length of Stay</b>	Each disease /infection control team project will last for two weeks.

Cataract Surgery Team	
<b>Goals</b>	Cataract team surgeons will perform corrective eye surgeries and train local health care professionals on manual small incision ( <i>suture-less</i> ) cataract surgery (MSICS) techniques, and other topics as requested by the eye clinic directors. The team will also provide training in perioperative nursing related to MSICS, including pre-op and post-op care.
<b>Team Members</b>	Each cataract surgery team is comprised of approximately four to five individuals, including 1-2 surgeons, 1-2 operating room nurses. The team leader must be a Rotarian and a fully qualified member of the team.
<b>Team Member Qualifications</b>	<p>Cataract surgeon team members must hold the following professional certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Surgeons:</b> Licensed in home country with a minimum of two years' experience providing MSICS surgery and teaching the technique to others, with some experience in a low-resource environment.</li> <li>• <b>Operating room nurses:</b> Licensed in home country with a minimum of two years' perioperative nursing related to MSICS, including pre-op and post-op care, with some experience in a low-resource environment and in teaching others.</li> </ul> <p>Ideally, team members should have professional experience in a low resource setting in the developing world. Fluency in French would be extremely helpful, but not mandatory, as English/French translators are available.</p>
<b>Length of Stay</b>	Each cataract surgery team project will last for two weeks.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Mercy Ships and Rotary will work with applicants to accommodate their desired travel dates, which may need to be adjusted in consultation with Mercy Ships according to availability.
- The team leader must be a Rotarian and a fully qualified member of the team (i.e. a doctor, nurse, or disease control trainer).

- The remaining licensed medical professionals can be any combination of Rotarians and non-Rotarians.
- All team members must be fluent in English and appropriately licensed in their home country.
- The eligibility check must be submitted to The Rotary Foundation 120 days prior to the proposed travel date. Applications must be submitted within 90 days of the proposed travel date.
- Team members should have the skills to work in low-resource environments for off-ship assignments.
- Mercy Ships is solely responsible for assessing the team's professional qualifications.

### **GRANT VOLUME AND AWARD AMOUNT**

Approximately three grants ranging from US\$20,000 to \$50,000 will be awarded per Rotary Year.

### **DETAILED OVERVIEW OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

#### **ELIGIBILITY CHECK**

- 1.) Rotarian team leader reviews the terms and conditions.
- 2.) Team leader selects a team description and submits a completed eligibility check to The Rotary Foundation online at least 120 days before the proposed travel date. The eligibility check includes supporting documentation about the team leader including recommendation forms, health forms, a code of conduct, and a CV or resume.
- 3.) Foundation staff reviews the eligibility check. Mercy Ships is responsible for reviewing the professional qualifications of the team leader.

#### **APPLICATION**

- 4.) After the eligibility check is accepted by the Foundation, the full application is made available to the team leader.
- 5.) The team leader recruits qualified team members.
- 6.) The team leader submits a completed team application to the Foundation online at least 90 days before the travel date. The application requires supporting documentation about team members including recommendation forms, health forms, a code of conduct, and a CV or resume.
- 7.) The Foundation may introduce the team leader to a potential host club during this time period to arrange fellowship activities.

#### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

- 8.) Foundation staff reviews the application. Mercy Ships reviews the team's professional qualifications.
- 9.) After the application is approved, Foundation staff notifies the team leader and payment is made within a few weeks.
- 10.) The team leader submits a report within two months of completion of the grant.

