

Stanier/LSHTM Program Update

Stanier Institute/Institut Stanier (Canada) and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London (UK)

The Institute was incorporated in 2001 with the primary objective of encouraging higher education and research interests in hygiene science and related public health. The Institute's website is <http://www.stanier.ca>. This document provides basic information on a cooperative MSc program for interested candidates. All applicants must meet the admission requirements of the University of London. Partial financial support (up to \$2,500.00 towards the education expenses) may be provided to Canadian candidates by the Stanier Institute/Institut Stanier (the Institute). To successfully complete the program, a candidate must pass all the required web-based courses of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (the School) and also complete a modest thesis supervised at an approved Canadian university in a research area in hygiene science or related public health.

The School is the premier institution of its kind in the world. Its' Distance Learning Program (DLP) in the Public Health Stream has candidates from over 120 countries. For details, please visit the School's website at:

<http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/masters/dmsph.html>

For entrance to the MSc, the applicants require appropriate standing in a recognized university degree in science, social science, or other related subjects, or a degree in medicine, nursing or equivalent. Preference will be given to applicants with relevant work experience.

APPLICATION FORM

An application for the indicated DLP programs should be made in the first instance by downloading the application form from the University of London website at:

<http://www.londonexternal.ac.uk> or by contacting:

The Information Centre, The External Programme, Senate House,
University of London, Malet Street, London WC 1E 7HU, UK.

Phone: 44-20-7862-8398, Fax: 44-20 7862-8358, e-mail: enquiries@external.lon.ac.uk

Then prospective Canadian candidates should make contact with the Institute's Program Director of Education, Dr Syed Sattar, at the Centre for Research on Environmental Microbiology (CREM), Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa, 451 Smyth Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K1H 8M5, e-mail: crem@uottawa.ca

MATERIALS AND GUIDANCE

The provided DLP teaching materials include: (a) handbook on planning studies, study techniques, exam preparation, (b) study guidebook/CDROMs with text for the learning

unit, self-assessment exercises and assignment questions, (c) a reader with copies of journal articles, book chapters and other supporting documents, (d) textbooks and audiocassettes when needed, and (e) sample exam papers.

Access to a computer with Internet is essential. Students receive academic support and assessment feedback from subject tutors. Networking with other students in the program is encouraged.

DURATION OF COURSE

The MSc Public Health via DLP has a minimum period of two years but with the modest thesis component will likely take up to three years. The maximum time allowed to complete the MSc degree is five years from the date of registration.

PROGRAM COURSES

Compulsory common core courses consist of: Basic Statistics for Public Health and Policy, Basic Epidemiology, Introduction to Health Economics, Principles of Social Research. An additional required course is Issues in Public Health and additional courses chosen from: Health Promotion Theory, Health Services, Environmental Health and Sustainable Development, Health Policy and Process and Power, Foundations of Health Policy.

Advanced courses will depend on the emphasis of the Public Health Stream suitable to the candidates. These will consist of a mixture of compulsory and additional courses. The suggested courses include Communicable Disease Control, Environmental epidemiology, Bacterial Infections, Nutrition and Infection, Epidemiology and Control of Infectious Diseases in Developing Countries, Parasitology, Water and Sanitation, AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Hospital Infection. A thesis research component will be pursued during this period and replace a few of the required courses. Details of the courses for the different streams are given in the School website:

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<http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/masters/dmsid.html>

Program courses will be arranged to suit the needs of the MSc candidates.

ASSESSMENT OF CANDIDATES

The assessment of the candidate's progress will be made by unseen exams or written assignments for the compulsory courses as well as the advanced courses. The assessment of the thesis component will be made by the project report. The content must be relevant to the public health stream.

LOCATION OF THESIS RESEARCH IN CANADA

The topics may be of interest to the candidate's public health unit when applied to public health inspectors / environmental health officers and / or the candidate's supervisor research program for thesis supervisors located at the following universities:

*Dr Corinne S L Ong, University of British Columbia (Vancouver), e-mail:

cong@interchange.ubc.ca

*Dr Sylvain Quessy, Universite de Montreal / University of Montreal (St-Hyacinthe),

e-mail: sylvain.quessy@umontreal.ca

*Dr Syed Sattar, University of Ottawa (Ottawa), e-mail: crem@uottawa.ca

*Program Education Directorate:

Dr Syed Sattar, Education Director,

Dr Corinne S L Ong, Associate Education Director,

Dr Sylvain Quessy, Associate Education Director.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

An independent Commissioner, appointed from the Institute, will review requests for support and will allocate the bursary funds as they become available with the help of the Stanier Treasurer.

COMMENT

When your name has been referred to the School by the Program Education Director, Dr Syed Sattar, as a potential MSc candidate, you should follow the procedure for the external program MSc application of the University of London (UK). In the meantime, as a potential MSc candidate, it will be useful for you to check with your Unit or Authority as to a proposed modest thesis topic. This topic with brief title could be outlined by you in half a dozen lines and sent to Dr Sattar by e-mail: crem@uottawa.ca. Dr Sattar will copy this information to Dr. Ong and to Dr. Quessy.