

The Rita Feinberg Fellowship Pathology & Forensic Medicine – Thimphu, Bhutan

Goals: The volunteer will work directly with Dr. Norbu, a pathologist and head of the Forensic Medicine Department at Jigme Dorji Wangchuk National Referral Hospital (JDWNRH) in Thimphu, Bhutan. Dr. Norbu is overseeing the development of the country's first mortuary and forensic medicine unit at JDWNRH. The specific goals of this fellowship include:

1. Review the current medico-legal death investigation system and provide consultation and recommendation on how to make improvements;
2. Provide guidance to Dr. Norbu and his team on how to properly set up their mortuary and autopsy facilities;
3. Review the forensic medicine curriculum for interns, general practice residents and community health diploma students; and
4. Consult on the development of CME courses for forensic health care workers

JDWNRH Background: HVO has been working with JDWNRH for over 25 years on numerous projects, across multiple health specialties. However, pathology (and related forensic sciences) is a new frontier for HVO as well as JDWNRH and the country as a whole. The volunteer will be in a unique position to provide critical mentorship and consultation to Dr. Norbu and his team as they embark on this exciting and critical expansion of their national health services.

Volunteer Requirements: The volunteer must be a registered medical practitioner and recognized specialist forensic pathologist in their home country. The ideal candidate would have at least 10 years specialist forensic pathology experience including experience in running a mortuary and preferably, responsibility for the performance of the overall medico-legal death investigation system and an academic profile.

Length and Dates (if applicable):

- 3 months
- Between July 2019 and June 2020

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Fellowship Background: Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) is a nonprofit organization committed to improving the availability and quality of health care in resource-scarce settings through the education, training and professional development of the health workforce. The core of HVO's model relies on the utilization of short-term volunteers. However, HVO recognizes there are critical needs at many of our partner institutions which are most effectively and sustainably addressed only through the placement of a long-term volunteer. The Rita Feinberg Fellowship has been established to enable HVO to better meet these needs and to provide financial support to volunteers able to commit to assignments of 3-6 months in length.

This fellowship will cover the volunteer's round-trip airfare and housing costs, as well as assignment-related expenses such as visa, medical/nursing council registration, etc. In addition, the volunteer will receive a modest stipend to cover food, transportation, and other incidental costs while on assignment (amounts for housing and stipend will vary based on location).