

Exciting Opportunity for CREEi Graduates

The CREEi-Hastings Center Bioethics Scholars Program

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Call for Applications

CREEi is pleased to announce additional professional development opportunities for up to 8 of its graduates (4 English- and 4 Spanish-speakers) through its **new CREEi-Hastings Center Bioethics Scholars Program** in 2023 in partnership with bioethicists at the Hastings Center <https://www.thehastingscenter.org/>.

The program prepares participants for leadership in bioethics. It provides tailored mentoring in critical thinking and writing skills as well as publication opportunities for participants.

Participants will attend a virtual workshop in January 2023 (2-3 hours) during which they will be given instructions to write up a case of interest to them focused on a real-world situation. They will have 4-6 weeks to develop this and, once received and reviewed by their mentor, will receive personal feedback with which to further develop the case report.

The program will not meet weekly. It primarily involves independent writing mentored by an accomplished bioethicist. Participants will be invited to attend a 3-day intensive onsite workshop in their native language (tentatively in March 2023) with travel costs supported by the program. For the subsequent four to five months, they will continue being mentored as they develop and co-author a case report and paper for publication.

A stipend will be provided to participants who complete the program, and participants may also choose to apply for CIRS support (CREEi in-country research support) of up to US\$4000 to expand and extend their writing project.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility requires that applicants

- Have completed either the CREEi one year certificate program *or* two year MScB program *and*
- Hold a master's degree or higher (it does not have to be from Clarkson or in bioethics)
- Hold a position that will allow them to apply the skills gained in this new program to shaping research, policy, or education involving health or science within their institution, country, region, or internationally

How to Apply

Submit a complete application by email to the CREEii Program Coordinator at kcoomansingh@sgu.edu by the **deadline of November 15, 2022**

A complete application will consist of one email including two attachments below:

- A cover letter on the official letterhead for your institutional affiliation (1-2 pages) *and*
- A CV or resume

In the cover letter, introduce yourself stating your current position and what year you completed the CREEi one-year certificate or MScB degree. The cover letter should be single spaced in size 12 font, and should use between one and two pages to respond to the two topics listed below.

1. Describe why you want to further develop your critical thinking, writing, and leadership skills. Which skill/s do you find most useful in your employment, and how do you hope to use the skills gained in the future?
2. Describe a situation, case, IRB review, health or research policy, or educational course or activity that disturbed or challenged you. The example may be something you participated in directly, observed, or read about such as a news report or peer reviewed article. The case should be from your own or another country in Latin America or the Caribbean basin. A wide range of cases are acceptable from a public health issues and research ethics, such as vaccination, conflict of interest, research misconduct, health policymaking, public engagement, a deficiency in an existing curriculum, or a disagreement during an REC/IRB review, or others. Tell us about the situation and the dilemma or challenge that it raised. What important question or questions needed an answer?