

FAQs

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1.	What is a ‘service term agreement’?	This is the bond agreement signed between the applicant and their employer, committing to go back to their current employment institution and work for a specified period after completion of studies.
2.	Why is the service term agreement required in the application process?	CBM seeks to reach the underserved needy communities with eye health services. The scholarship programme contributes towards this by ensuring that ophthalmologists who have been under the CBM scholarship programme return to their work stations and give their services for an agreed period of time.
3.	Can CBM bond a doctor?	CBM does not bond doctors but CBM works with institutions that serve the underserved communities, who will bond the doctor in the terms agreed between the doctor (employee) and the institution (employer). CBM is not the employer nor is it responsible for the remuneration of the doctor working as an ophthalmologist trained with the support of this programme.
4.	Can I apply as I await admission from the University or as I wait for other documents to be processed?	Please do submit a complete application with all the documents mentioned in the announcement document, including an admission letter. If you send the documents in different emails there will be a risk of missing out on your application being processed if the documents are deemed incomplete.
5.	Do I need to be a Christian to apply for the scholarship?	CBM is a Christian organization that ascribes to Christianity as one of its values (https://www.cbm.org/about-cbm/our-vision-mission-and-values/). You will need to agree to CBM values, but you do not need to be a Christian.
6.	Can I apply for a scholarship with an admission letter from a university different from the ones listed in part 1b of the announcement document?	Yes, this is possible and CBM will then decide if it is admissible to offer scholarship for training in that particular University.
7.	Can I make an application at any point of my postgraduate training?	CBM will only process applications for those that are preparing to join the training so that all the agreements are put in place ahead of the training programme. Applicants that are already training should not apply for this scholarship.
8.	What is covered under the scholarship?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Tuition fees b) living costs (stipend) c) set of ophthalmic equipment d) medical license fees e) ophthalmology conferences f) fellowship exams g) Relocation fees on reporting to university and on completion. <p>Please note that the above is subject to the availability of funds.</p>

If in need of additional information reach out to the below.
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