



## **Fellowship in Paediatric Rheumatology**

### **Background**

The Aga Khan University (AKU) is an international, private, not-for-profit university established in 1983, with 11 teaching sites across eight countries. AKU's Department of Paediatrics and Child Health in Nairobi offers a prestigious Fellowship in Paediatric Rheumatology, aimed at improving the health of children across Africa and the Globe through world-class training in the management of pediatric rheumatic conditions. The program seeks to develop future leaders in pediatric rheumatology, with expertise in clinical care, research, education, and advocacy.

### **Program Overview**

This fellowship is a two-year, competency-based program that provides comprehensive training in pediatric rheumatology. Fellows will gain extensive hands-on clinical experience, multidisciplinary collaboration, and engage in cutting-edge research. The fellowship is designed to nurture sub-specialists who demonstrate excellence in patient care, medical knowledge, professionalism, communication, and system-based practice.

### **Program Objectives**

- To train physicians to diagnose and manage children and adolescents with rheumatic diseases.
- To promote the use of a multidisciplinary team approach in the care of pediatric patients.
- To equip fellows with critical communication skills to foster relationships with patients, families, and healthcare teams.
- To develop expertise in evidence-based medical care and clinical investigation.
- To instill professionalism, ethical practice, and a deep sense of responsibility toward patients and society.
- To promote life-long learning and continuous self-improvement in patient care.
- To develop leadership skills essential for working in and managing multidisciplinary teams.

### **Fellowship Highlights**

- Extensive supervised clinical rotations in pediatric rheumatology.
- A focus on research, with a requirement to publish in peer-reviewed journals.
- Multidisciplinary collaboration across departments.

- Mentorship from experienced rheumatology experts.
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities at the Aga Khan University Hospital.
- Leadership development through hands-on training in patient care and team management.

### **Learning Outcomes**

Fellows will graduate with:

1. The ability to diagnose and manage pediatric rheumatic diseases.
2. Expertise in working within a multidisciplinary healthcare team.
3. Advanced communication skills for patient-centered care.
4. The ability to critically appraise medical literature and implement evidence-based care.
5. Competence in designing and conducting research in pediatric rheumatology.
6. Professional attributes including ethical practice, cultural sensitivity, and societal responsibility.
7. Skills to evaluate and improve patient care through lifelong learning and self-assessment.
8. Leadership skills to guide healthcare teams and manage complex clinical cases.

### **Minimum Admission Requirements**

- A Master of Medicine in Paediatrics and Child Health (MMED) or equivalent from a recognized institution.
- Registered to practice in Kenya or other East African countries.
- At least two years of experience in pediatric practice.
- Proficiency in English.
- Valid professional indemnity cover for the duration of the training.
- Commitment from your employer to continue your salary during training, where applicable.

### **How to Apply**

If you are ready to make a lasting impact in pediatric rheumatology care, send your application, including a cover letter, CV, academic transcripts, and a statement of motivation to:

The Chairperson, Department of Paediatrics, Aga Khan University

Email: [mc.ea@aku.edu](mailto:mc.ea@aku.edu)

### **Call to Action**

Take the next step in your career! Join the Paediatric Rheumatology Fellowship at AKU and be part of a global group of specialists improving the lives of children with rheumatic conditions across Africa and the Globe. Apply today and be the future of pediatric care!

**The deadline for interested applicants is November 8, 2024**