

# Resident International Anesthesia Scholarship Program 2016

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**The ASA Committee on Global Humanitarian Outreach (GHO) is pleased to announce the application cycle for the 2016-17 scholarship program** for U.S. anesthesiology residents to CURE Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Residents will have the opportunity to experience the challenges of delivering safe anesthesia in a low-resource, underserved area in a developing country as well as participate in the training and education of local anesthesia providers. With appropriate planning, the resident will be eligible to receive American Board of Anesthesiology credit. Covered expenses include travel, lodging, meals, visa, vaccinations and medical insurance.

Read what **Rachel Freschet, M.D.**, the first recipient of the inaugural scholarship program, had to say about her experience:



*“After four years of medical school and now nearly four years of residency, the four weeks when I lived and worked in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and CURE Hospital were by far the most meaningful and inspiring. For four weeks, I helped provide free anesthesia care to children born with deformities whose families had not realized they or their deformities could be corrected.*

*Beyond simply providing medical care, however, I had the privilege of teaching and building relationships with four master’s of anesthesia students. Over the month the five of us spent together, we laughed our way through cultural and linguistic differences so that I could help them understand basic*



*science and advanced clinical concepts as well as teach them new skills such as ultrasound-guided peripheral nerve blocks. I also had the opportunity to give nearly a full day of lectures and had my students bring in flash drives so they could keep the digital library of anesthesia resources I built, as I identified areas where the students needed more resources or on subjects they requested. In turn, I received daily Amharic lessons in the break room and found myself comfortably fitting in as a part of the CURE Ethiopia family due to the staff’s unrelenting hospitality and kindness. On my last day at CURE, coffee, sweet treats and tears abounded as I was sad to leave a place that filled me with so much joy, hope and purpose, and I felt that my work there had just begun.”*



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## **Application Requirements and Details:**

- Applicants must be CA-2 residents at time of application and must have completed a pediatric anesthesia rotation.
- Must be a resident in good standing in a U.S. anesthesiology residency training program.
- Application requirements include a letter of motivation, letter of support from program director, CV and one additional letter of recommendation.
- First available month for the rotation is September 2016, start dates flexible based on needs of the home institution.
- Applications are due by January 31, 2016.



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