Healing Hands Essay Competition

Win a two-week scholarship to New York!

Calling all Qatari high school students! We are pleased to announce the Annual High School Essay Competition, encouraging young people to share their views on becoming a doctor in Qatar. Four lucky winners will receive Doctor of the Future Summer Scholarships: A fully funded, experience-of-a-lifetime where they will visit prominent research laboratories and learn from distinguished faculty at Weill Cornell Medicine and Cornell University in New York.

The winning essays and 20 finalists will receive honorable mentions at a reception hosted by the WCM-Q dean.

Participation: Healing Hands: “Overcoming Stigma” is this year’s theme. The sociologist Erving Goffman defines stigma as a physical, behavioral, or social attribute that diminishes one’s social status, resulting in isolation and exclusion. Around the world, people with certain diseases, physical disabilities, mental illnesses, and similar conditions might encounter societal stereotyping and discrimination, which may cause stress and feelings of worthlessness. Lack of awareness and understanding of these conditions further aggravates the overall health and mental state of the victim and results in more isolation and neglect. Write an 800-word essay that critically examines health related stigmas in your community and offers concrete solutions for overcoming it.

Submission Closed

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

-Open for Qatari nationals currently enrolled in high schools and pre-college programs

-Essay must be an original work and in ENGLISH

-Submission deadline: April 20, 2017

-Winners announced: Early May

-Travel dates: July 8 - July 22, 2017

For additional information, please contact the Office of Student Recruitment and Outreach at healinghands@qatar-med.cornell.edu or call 44928521