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Academics Without Borders ([AWB](#)) is a Canadian bi-lingual NGO based in Montreal, the mission of which is to support academic institution in developing countries in building capacity in higher education so that they can train their own experts and conduct research to assist in their development. AWB fulfills its mission by sending volunteers on projects that originate in and are owned by developing world institutions. AWB reimburses volunteers for their expenses but does not offer them a salary.

[Mekelle University College](#) was established in 1993 as the Arid Zone Agricultural College. After two years, the Business and economics college was established at the same campus and, together, these two faculties were then upgraded to Mekelle University College. In 2000, the Government of Ethiopia formalized Mekelle University as an autonomous higher education institution. The university has seven colleges, eight institutes and more than 90 undergraduate and 70 postgraduate programs. The student intake capacity of Mekelle University has reached 31,000. The School of Medicine was established in the Mekelle University system in 2003. The School accepted its first students in 2004. Since then, it has been engaged in activities of teaching health care students in general and medical students in particular and more importantly, engaged in the medical services of preventive, curative and health promotion for the community.

Number of Volunteers: 1

Job Title: Needs Assessor in Gastroenterology

Partner Organisation: Mekelle University

Country: Ethiopia

Language(s): English

Job Description: To do a Needs Assessment for the Mekelle University School of Medicine for establishing gastroenterology as a sub-speciality in the School and to work with the School to draft a curriculum for the sub-speciality in gastroenterology.

The near term goal is to establish the requirements for upgrading some of the teaching staff at the School so that they can teach gastroenterology to advanced medical students. The intermediate goal is to provide foreign teaching staff to upgrade the teaching capacity of these faculty members. The long term goal is to have gastroenterology as a sub-speciality in the Mekelle University School of Medicine.

Educational Qualifications: MD with a speciality in gastroenterology

Professional Experience: Experience in teaching gastroenterology in a medical school

Start date and Duration: Start date: open; Duration: ten days on site and two months through the Internet & Skype.

Benefits: All expenses paid

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Deadline: December 15, 2014