
RSNA Press Release

RSNA Announces New Global Learning Centers Program

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (August 22, 2019) — The Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) is launching a new RSNA Global Learning Centers (GLC) program beginning in 2020. By partnering with established radiology departments based in low- or middle-income countries to create the learning centers, RSNA aims to improve radiology education and patient care around the world.

“The Global Learning Centers program offers a unique opportunity to develop a tailored education program, based on the specific needs and requirements of the host community,” said Umar Mahmood, M.D., Ph.D., RSNA Board Liaison for International Affairs. “We will be able to tap into a wealth of RSNA resources and provide a team of dedicated volunteers to create a comprehensive, dynamic curriculum for the GLC.”

Over a three-year period, a team of RSNA members will work with the GLC to develop a customized educational plan including a curriculum with hands-on training, didactic lectures, conferences, online courses and other education offerings. Based on the needs of the applicant institution, equipment and technical assistance will also be provided.

It is anticipated that one GLC will be selected each year, with a maximum of three centers in operation simultaneously. RSNA is soliciting applications from radiology departments from eligible countries to apply to be a GLC and for RSNA members to join a team to work with GLCs starting in 2020.

To be considered as a GLC, applicant institutions:

- Must be a university or hospital
- Must be located in [countries eligible to receive discounted RSNA dues](#)
- Must demonstrate a need for radiology education and resources
- Must have an established radiology department (staffed with at least one radiologist)
- Must have a team lead who will serve as a primary contact with English fluency

Eligible institutions can apply online. Applications to be a GLC beginning in 2020 will be accepted until November 1, 2019. The RSNA Committee for International Radiology Education (CIRE) will review applications and communicate results in December 2019.

After a GLC is selected, a team of up to four RSNA volunteers will be selected, to match the needs of the GLC and serve a one-year term. One of the volunteers will be appointed as RSNA Program Director. The RSNA Program Director will serve a term of three years.

RSNA team members will travel up to twice yearly to the GLC to learn about the host site's educational needs, and present lectures, hands-on training and point-of-care opportunities.

The RSNA team, in close consultation with the local team, will design and present an educational plan, customized to the needs of the GLC, using RSNA educational resources.

Learn more about the opportunities and eligibility requirements for the GLC program at [RSNA.org/GLC](https://www.rsna.org/GLC).

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RSNA is an association of over 53,400 radiologists, radiation oncologists, medical physicists and related scientists, promoting excellence in patient care and health care delivery through education, research and technologic innovation. The Society is based in Oak Brook, Ill. ([RSNA.org](https://www.rsna.org))

The RSNA Committee on International Relations and Education was established in 1986 to advise the RSNA on how the Society might provide international assistance to enhance radiologic education in countries requesting and requiring assistance.