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# THE AFRICAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE

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PERSONNEL AND OTHERS TO  
PARTICIPATE IN ITS UPCOMING*

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## SIERRA LEONE HEALTH CARE RECOVERY PROJECT

OCTOBER 2006- OCTOBER 2007



A US -based nonprofit organization

Project Description and  
Participation Application/ Web Brochure

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The AFRICAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE, a US-based nonprofit organization invites health care professionals and students to participate in its health care recovery program in the nation of SIERRA LEONE, West Africa.

1. This project entails a unique opportunity for Doctors of all specialties, Medical and Surgical Residents, Medical students, Dentist and Dental Students, Nurses, and other health care professional to travel to and work within the health care system in a recovering nation.

2. Choose a time-frame that is consistent with your current work or study schedule and join a motivated team of professionals in helping to rehabilitate a health care system that has been devastated by a decade of conflict and lack of maintenance.

3. If you would like to help with the recovery Sierra Leone's health care system and gain a unique experience, simply select the rotation(s) that is most convenient for you and return the attached application form. Or you may complete the application online.

## ABOUT SIERRA LEONE

Located on the West Coast of Africa, with a population of approximately 6 million inhabitants, Sierra Leone is about the size of South Carolina in the U. S. Although English is the official language, Krio is the preferred language of the capital Freetown and much of the rest of the nation. Named by 15<sup>th</sup> century Portuguese explorers, Serra Lyoa (Lion Mountain), this mountainous tropical nation is rich in natural beauty and mineral resources. In the late 1700's liberated slaves from North America sponsored by private British patrons, founded a province in Sierra Leone and named its capital Freetown. Over the past decade, internal and regional conflicts have left the nation's infrastructure and health care systems in disarray. Thereby the people have suffered heavily, giving the nation some of the worst health care statistics in the world. However, the future is promising as the nation now eagerly enters its postconflict reconstruction period.

## ABOUT THE AFRICAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE

The African Cultural Exchange is a US-based nonprofit organization founded in 1989 that conducts educational, development and healthcare projects in Africa. The organization supports projects in Senegal, The Gambia, Sierra Leone, Gabon, and Zambia.

## SIERRA LEONE HEALTH CARE RECOVERY PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

(Please complete and mail or you may complete the application online)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rotation Selection: (1 rotation= 17 days,  
Departure on Friday NY return Sunday)  
(select 1 rotation or 2 consecutive rotations)  
6 October 2006 through 7 October 2007**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A -6 Oct to 22 Oct 2006       | <input type="checkbox"/> N -6 Apr to 22 Apr  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B -20 Oct to 5 Nov            | <input type="checkbox"/> O -20 Apr to 6 May  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C -3 Nov to 19 Nov to 20 May  | <input type="checkbox"/> P -4 May            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D -17 Nov to 3 Dec            | <input type="checkbox"/> Q -18 May to 3 Jun  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E -1 Dec to 17 Dec 17 Jun     | <input type="checkbox"/> R -1 Jun to 17 Jun  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F -15 Dec to 31 Dec           | <input type="checkbox"/> S -15 Jun to 1 Jul  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G -29 Dec to 14 Jan 2007      | <input type="checkbox"/> T -29 Jun to 15 Jul |
| <input type="checkbox"/> H -12 Jan to 28 Jan to 29 Jul | <input type="checkbox"/> U -13 Jul           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I -26 Jan to 11 Feb           | <input type="checkbox"/> V -27 Jul to 12 Aug |
| <input type="checkbox"/> J -9 Feb to 25 Feb            | <input type="checkbox"/> W -10 Aug to 26 Aug |
| <input type="checkbox"/> K -23 Feb to 11 Mar           | <input type="checkbox"/> X -24 Aug to 9 Sep  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> L -9 Mar to 25 Mar to 23 Sep  | <input type="checkbox"/> Y -7 Sep            |

M -23 Mar to 8 Apr

Z -21 Sep to 7 Oct

*Application (continued)*

**Where you work or attend school:**

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**Short statement of why you want to participate:**

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**Previous international experience:** Y N

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 . Participation fee:**

1- rotation \$ 3,500

2-rotations \$ 4,000

**2 . Fee includes round-trip air travel, ground transportation, and boarding, food, and visa fees.**

**3 . The application and a \$100 deposit are due 4 months prior to your selected rotation.**

**4 . All license, credentials, letters of academic standing and final participation fees are due 2 months prior to the start of your rotation.**

**5 . Full refunds of fees less deposit are available up to 1 month prior to selected rotation.**

**6 . Some scholarships and participation fee assistance are available.**



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