

PEPE BUITRÓN SCHOLARSHIP



Call for Applications – Scholarship Conditions Donation After Circulatory Death (DCD) Advanced International Training Course - 10th Edition, April 2027

ABOUT DR. PEPE BUITRÓN

Dr. José Manuel García Buitrón (Pepe Buitrón) was a founding member and Vice President of DTI Foundation, a transplant urologist, Director of the Transplant Coordination Office, and Hospital Director of the Hospital Complex of A Coruña (H. Canalejo).

As a collaborator of the Foundation for 30 years, he contributed to international cooperation initiatives in countries such as Trinidad and Tobago, the Philippines, and Cuba, among many others.

Dr. Pepe Buitrón was always a source of **inspiration** and a **role model** for all members of our international community involved in organ donation and transplantation.

The Pepe Buitrón Scholarship is an initiative designed to honor his remarkable legacy.

SCHOLARSHIP OBJECTIVES

The Pepe Buitrón Scholarship is a training grant promoted by DTI Foundation. Its main objective is to support healthcare professionals residing in low- and middle-income countries in receiving education and training in the field of organ, tissue, and cell donation and transplantation.

Through this scholarship, recipients will have the opportunity to acquire new theoretical and practical knowledge in this area, with the aim of improving practices in their hospitals, regions, and countries of origin. This, in turn, will help to increase access to transplantation for the general population and, ultimately, save lives.

The DTI Foundation will provide the scholarship recipient with:

- Full registration for the course specified in the scholarship application
- Accommodation during the course (including full board at a hotel designated by DTI)
- All other expenses incurred by the scholarship recipient will be excluded, such as airfare, additional nights of accommodation, meals not included in the program, and any other personal costs.

ELIGIBILITY

The Pepe Buitrón Scholarship is aimed at healthcare professionals, particularly:

- Specialists in intensive care and emergency medicine
- Anesthesiologists
- Perfusionists
- Transplant coordinators and surgeons from countries with limited resources in the field of donation and transplantation

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria at the time of application and maintain them throughout the scholarship period if selected. Failure to meet or maintain any of these criteria will result in immediate disqualification.

- A university degree in a health sciences discipline
- Residency in a low- or middle-income country, according to internationally recognized classifications.
- Active professional status in a hospital, academic, or institutional setting, with a clear interest in donation and transplantation
- High proficiency in English (advanced level), both spoken and written, as the course is conducted entirely in English

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SELECTION PROCESS AND KEY DATES

- The Pepe Buitrón Scholarship for the Donation After Circulatory Death (DCD) Advanced International Training Course consists of two parts: online sessions on April 14, 16, 19, 21, and 23, 2027, and on-site sessions in Barcelona, Spain, on April 28, 29, and 30, 2027.

*(Please note: These dates are subject to change due to organizational reasons)

Applications must be submitted via the DTI Foundation website at www.dtifoundation.com by completing the official application form and attaching the following documents:

- Copy of passport
- Photo
- Curriculum Vitae
- Motivation letter in English briefly explaining your professional background, your reasons for applying to this specific training, and whether you have institutional support from your center/hospital.
- Signed declaration confirming a good level of English and the ability to follow the course successfully, if English is not your native language.

A selection committee, appointed by the DTI Foundation and composed of experts in the field of donation and transplantation with extensive and recognized professional experience, will evaluate the applications and select the scholarship recipients. If deemed necessary, the committee may request a short online interview with the candidate and/or additional documentation.

Scholarship awardees will be notified individually by email. The final list of selected candidates will also be published on the DTI website, social media platforms, and newsletter for the information of other applicants and the general public.

Key Dates:

- **August 30 2026 : End of the application period**
- **September 2026: Evaluation process, finalist interviews, and scholarship award decision**
- **October 2026: Official announcement of scholarship beneficiaries**

Selected candidates will have a **maximum of 7 calendar days** from the date of notification to confirm acceptance of the scholarship in writing. If the scholarship is declined or not accepted within the deadline, it will be offered to the next highest-scoring finalist.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITMENTS

The DTI Foundation commits to:

- Provide the training covered by the scholarship under optimal conditions.
Inform the beneficiary in advance of any justified changes to the program dates.
- Issue a certificate of completion at the end of the course, provided that the participant has successfully completed the training.
- Follow up with the participant to evaluate the impact of the training.

The scholarship recipient commits to:

- Fulfill all eligibility criteria outlined in this call for applications.
- Attend the entire training program, both online and on-site (if an unexpected force majeure situation arises, the beneficiary agrees to notify DTI in writing as soon as possible).
- Understand that unjustified absence—whether partial or total—from the training may result in the revocation of the scholarship and all associated rights.
- Maintain clear and timely communication with the DTI Foundation and submit any required documents promptly to ensure proper scholarship management.
- Consent to the use of their image on the DTI Foundation's website and in any reports related to the scholarship, always in the context of the training received.
- Cooperate and provide information for monitoring the impact of the training in their work area/region/country.
- Fully accept all terms and conditions stated in this call for applications.
- Arrange the required visa and flight tickets sufficiently in advance to ensure attendance at the on-site sessions of the course.

For any questions or clarifications regarding this call for applications, please **contact us:**

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