Hamilton Naki was a laboratory assistant to cardiac surgeon, Christiaan Barnard. He is credited with having taught thousands of medical students and physicians and passed on his surgical skills despite not having received a formal medical education.

In another era, Hamilton Naki would have been recognised as an outstanding cardiac surgeon in his own right.

The Hamilton Naki Clinical Scholarship Scheme is committed to the development of academic healthcare in South Africa. We are inviting medical specialists who are pursuing an academic career to apply for the Hamilton Naki Clinical Scholarship for 2015.

The Scholarship will be awarded to a clinical specialist or sub-specialist for doctoral or post-doctoral research to be conducted in South Africa or abroad.

The scholarship will be awarded for a 3 (three) year period as a salary for full-time doctoral or post-doctoral research work in a chosen field.

ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS OF AWARD:

• South African citizenship;
• Registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa as a medical specialist or sub-specialist;
• Preference will be given to candidates who are identified in the country’s employment equity objectives; and
• Recipients of the Scholarship must be prepared to and commit to signing a contract binding them to work in South Africa for a minimum period of 3 (three) years following the end of the funding period, failing which they will be liable to pay back the full amount of the Scholarship.

AN APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

• A 1-2 page letter of motivation which should include the amount of after-tax pay required per annum for full-time research;
• A 1-2 page summary of the rationale, design and feasibility of the proposed doctoral or post-doctoral research project. (Please provide evidence that funding for the project has been secured, and facilities and equipment are available outside the scholarship award);
• A full curriculum vitae outlining research experience and a list of publications;
• Testimonials from three referees, one of whom should be the supervisor of the doctoral / post-doctoral research project.

The value of the award is determined by the needs of the awardee. The award is available from 1 October 2015 or from such other earlier or later date as may be agreed between the awardee and his/her supervisor.

The Awards are made at the sole discretion of the Selection Committee as ratified by the Board of Trustees of the Physicians’ Partnership Trust of Netcare’s Health Partners for Life Trust. The Board will not enter into correspondence with unsuccessful applicants.