

Bioprist Institute of Medical Sciences, Jamaica *Candidacy*

July 2024 Determination: *Candidacy*

CAAM-HP, having considered at its Annual General Meeting held July 22-23, 2024, the report by a focused site visit conducted in May, 2024, and noting the significant advances made in the preparedness of the facilities, the Board agreed to approve the application for Candidacy, on the understanding that BIMS would admit its first cohort of students only after notifying CAAM-HP and allowing another limited, focused site visit to verify that the facilities at its Montego Bay campus are ready to safely accept students.

July 2023 Determination: *Pending*

The CAAM-HP at its Annual General Meeting held July 19-20, 2023, considered the reviewers' report on the proposal for the establishment of a new medical school, Bioprist Institute of Medical Sciences (BIMS), in Montego Bay, Jamaica. The Authority, having considered and accepted the report of the *ad hoc* team, noted that the four standards identified as not having been met included critical criteria, such as completion of the physical plant and readiness of the school to accept its first cohort of students.

The Authority is confident that if BIMS takes urgent steps to address the critical issues identified, another site visit can be arranged and if the findings are satisfactory, the desired Candidacy status can be granted. The Authority is resolute, however, that these criteria comprise requirements for Candidacy and therefore must be met **before** Candidacy can be approved.