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FOR STUDENTS & RESIDENTS**

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International Electives for Students in the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry

For more information about the Field Stations or about applications for electives, please contact ghfomd@ualberta.ca

Shadow Electives for all Students -- Including First Year Students

Faculty of Medicine, University of Antioquia, Medellin, Colombia

Contact: Mariana Perez at relacionesinter.med@udea.edu.co

The faculty at University of Antioquia is open to receiving medical students at any stage—from their early years to internships. Depending on your focus they can coordinate courses, hospital rotations, and academic experiences. One key requirement for students is a strong understanding of Spanish to fully engage in the experience.

Option 1:

Students express interest by completing an application form to visit the University of Antioquia and attend classes for the entire semester. Admission to this option is subject to available spaces in their hospitals. Currently, they are accepting applications for the second semester which starts during the second week of July 2025. The payment will depend on the number of credits taken by the students. Contact Mariana Perez for the application form and payment details.

Option 2:

They can co-design a training program with you that includes specific learning objectives and classes. The cost for this option will depend on the activities defined. Contact Mariana Perez for the application form and payment details.

Possible courses are:

Mental Well-Being

Vector-Borne Infectious Illnesses

Maternal & Perinatal Health

Trauma Management

Contact ghfomd@ualberta.ca for the full University of Antioquia medicine curriculum from which you can choose courses.

There is no on-campus accommodation however they are happy to advise on the best options for finding accommodations.

University of Development Studies (UDS), Tamale, Ghana

In this field station, students will complete pre-clinical and clinical observerships through the various health faculties at UDS including:

1. Anatomy

2. Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine
3. Physiology and Biophysics
4. Clinical Microbiology
5. Pathology
6. Anaesthesia and Intensive Care
7. Health Education Department
8. Radiology
9. ENT
10. Ophthalmology
11. Surgery: Urology, General Surgery, Trauma and Orthopaedics, Paediatric Surgery
12. Internal Medicine and Therapeutic
13. Community Health
14. Family Medicine
15. Paediatrics and Child Health
16. Mental Health

After completing the undergrad medical students application form and checklist, students are to send their passport number and the dates of their elective to ghfomd@ualberta.ca who will send them to UDS so they can issue an invitation letter to each student. For information about visas, go to the Ghana High Commission in Canada at: <https://ottawa.mfa.gov.gh>

2025 International Summer Camp hosted by West China School of Medicine

Contact is Shaoxiong Deng at lwshi@wchscu.edu.cn for more information.

Deadline for applications is April 30, 2025.

This camp is part of the Sichuan University's University Immersion Program (UIP) hosted by West China School of Medicine. It offers a unique platform for global collaboration in medical education, bringing together students from around the world to expand their perspectives and build meaningful connections. In addition to the summer camp, participants will have the opportunity to apply for a two-week clinical observership at West China Hospital from July 14 - 25, 2025. Contact ghfomd@ualberta.ca for the official invitation letter from the dean, preliminary schedule, the application form, registration guide and poster of the highlights and key moments of the 2024 International Summer Camp.

Fudan University, Shanghai, China (Not available in 2025)

Usually 4 weeks in July

Note: a minimum of 15 students are required for this elective to proceed

Electives available:

A joint elective with Pharmacy, Nursing and Medicine. Dr. Tony Kiang from Pharmacy is the main contact.

Classroom based (3 weeks)

Shadowing opportunities integrated into elective (1 week)

Elective Fee: ~\$1700

Application Fee: TBD

Visa: [China Visa Details Link](#)

Accommodations: TBD

Description: This is a 4-week course in July each year that has been developed in collaboration with the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. A course outline is available for interested students each year in November. This can be requested from the Global Health Program Office at ghfomd@ualberta.ca. The course is open to students in all health professional faculties.

There is a focus on social determinants of health and comparative health systems analysis. There will be opportunities for shadowing in a hospital that integrates traditional Chinese medicine with allopathic medicine. Students from Fudan University also participate in this course.

Timing of Elective: Annually in July

CQMU Study & Culture Tour: International Medical Education & Clinical Exposure at West China School of Medicine, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China

TBA

Contact ghfomd@ualberta for the brochure and application

Applications to be sent to studyculturetour@cqmu.edu.cn by TBA but last year was April 30, 2024.

For more information contact: studyculturetour@cqmu.edu.cn

Description:

The Tour for 2024 will provide an opportunity for students to experience the medical education of Chongqing Medical University, the city of Chongqing and the culture of China. During the two weeks participants will learn the Chinese language and traditional arts, take medical courses, visit places of interest and spend a day with the Chinese families, and take part in various activities with our volunteer students. Moreover, participants will also have opportunities to visit our affiliated hospitals and communicate with doctors and nurses there during lectures and clinical exposure. We believe that it will further strengthen the mutual understanding, cooperation and friendship between Chongqing Medical University and the University of Alberta.

The Tour offers 3-day course packages, and participants can choose one of the 5 options in which they are interested:

- A. Stomatology
- B. Metabolomics
- C. Paediatrics
- D. Orthopedics & Rehabilitation
- E. Traditional Chinese Medicine

The above information is for reference only. A confirmed schedule will be provided in 2024.

Jilin University Summer School Program for Overseas Young Students on the Basics of Medicine for the Development of Health Industry

Contact ghfomd@ualberta.ca for the detailed program brochure and schedule for this elective.

For more information, contact jclxb@jlu.edu.cn

This summer camp is designed by the high-quality faculty team of Jilin University, which covers English lectures on medical basics, pharmacy, and practical courses on health, lectures on medical knowledge, and visits to enterprises, etc. It aims to set up a platform for the exchange of young talents in the world, improve the health literacy of students, publicize the innovative concept of Healthy China, set up a sense of health, and enhance the communication between young scholars, students and young faculty. Stimulate students and young scholars to learn medical knowledge with enthusiasm. Jilin University is a national key comprehensive university directly

under the Ministry of Education of China, founded in 1946, which is a national key construction university of “Project 211” and “Project 985”, and was selected as a national first-class university construction university in 2017. The university has 47 colleges covering all 13 major disciplines, with more than 73,000 students enrolled.

Tuition, room and board and travel from the airport are covered by Jilin University. In order to apply, send your name, your program of studies/major, and nationality to jclxb@jlu.edu.cn. Once you arrive in China, this camp is fully supported by Jilin University.

China Medical University

This program supports non-Chinese students to engage in academic and research activities in China for a period of 1-12 months. Successful applicants will receive a full scholarship including tuition waiver, free on-campus accommodation, medical insurance and a monthly stipend of RMB 2000-3500.

For more information, contact the program coordinator Zijun Wen (wenzijun@cmu.edu.cn).

China Medical University: International Global Health Summer Program (IGHSP)

Contact ghfomd@ualberta.ca for brochure and application form

For more information contact the IGHSP Team at cmuiec@cmu.edu.cn

Fees: RMB 13,800 which include application fee, tuition, course materials, on-campus student dormitory, on-campus dining, city tour, group airport transfer, orientation and farewell events, VAT, accident insurance (medical insurance to be provided by individuals). Full refund if 2 months notice provided. No refund after.

This program is an on-site, 2 week program in July with rich learning and cultural experience offered by China Medical University. It is an opportunity for overseas students to know more about the health sector in China and to sample the fine traditional culture that is a unique legacy to the world. It features lectures on various health related topics, small group discussions, clinical skills simulation practice, lab tours, observership at affiliated hospitals, cultural experiences, visits to historic and cultural attractions. Certificate of Completion awarded.

West China School of Medicine, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China

Contact ghfomd@ualberta.ca for the application form

Contact Huaxi_abroad@163.com for more information

Deadline for applications is in April

This international student summer camp is part of the University Immersion Program (UIP) at Sichuan University which will take place at West China School of Medicine for 2 weeks in June and July. This program is designed to enhance international collaboration in medical education, fostering connections among medical students worldwide and broadening their global perspectives. Participants have an optional opportunity to engage in an additional 2-week clinical exposure at West China Hospital, Sichuan University. Financial support includes flights (with coverage up to a maximum of 3000 yuan), accommodations for 2 weeks (beyond 2 weeks must pay), and free tuition.

Wenzhou Medical University International Summer Program

Contact ghfomd@ualberta.ca for the brochure.

Deadline for applications is in April

For more information contact wzmczs@126.com

This 2 week program is for full-time undergraduate students currently registered at partner universities, non-Chinese citizens between 18 - 25 in good academic standing. This is an interactive and academically

challenging program which includes visits to hospitals and national-level labs, health-related lectures and discussions, simulation training of clinical skills, participation in multiple traditional Chinese cultural workshops, local cultural exploration through activities and excursions, and a Certificate of Completion.

Malaria Elective at Jinja Referral Hospital and/or Kambuga District Hospital

Electives available:

Focus on malaria – academic & clinical with Dr. Michael Hawkes, UAlberta

Duration: 4 weeks, possibility of 2, 4 week blocks

Number of students: 6-10/block

Elective fee: \$US 750/month (includes admin fee, translators, PPE) This payment will be due early in the year directly to the NGO Association for Health Innovation in Africa (AFHIA). Accommodation, flights, vaccines, in addition to this.

Visa: 3-month visa issued on arrival at the airport for ~US \$50

Accommodation: In Kambuga it's a bit limiting but there are tourist-level Kigezi Cottages across the street.

Description: This overseas elective focuses on childhood malaria. Clinical and academic activities are designed to rapidly increase expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of uncomplicated and severe malaria, as well as some public health aspects. Malaria is the most common reason for admission to the Jinja Regional Referral Hospital (JRRH), and trainees will benefit from a high volume of cases, including severe malaria cases. FoMD Faculty member, Dr. Michael Hawkes, facilitates this elective.

Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

Electives available:

Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, other possibilities (see the application form for more information)

Elective Fee: None

Visa: 3-month visa issued upon airport arrival for US\$50

Accommodations: \$30/night for a large self-contained room. Accommodation information is available in the application form.

Description: In this field station, students will complete “clinical” rotations through the Makerere University Medical School. The clinical rotations are more of a shadowing experience than hands on clinical experience regardless of your UME year. Experiences of past learners at Makerere have been very positive. Students also have the option of being placed in a small town called Tororo at Tororo Family Medicine teaching site which is about 250 km from the capital of Kampala near the Kenya-Uganda border. Students will be put in touch with a resident faculty who will help them through all the processes. Students interested in the Tororo option must find one or more students willing to attend with them. It is not feasible to send only 1 student at a time. More information is available in [Makerere's Application Form](#). Please complete and return to ghfomd@ualberta.ca and the Global Health Program office will put you in touch with Makerere to finalize the details of your elective.

Clinical Electives for Second*, Third, Fourth Year Medical Students and Residents

(*students who have completed their second academic year of medical school)

University of Development Studies (UDS), Tamale, Ghana

In this field station, students will complete pre-clinical and clinical observerships through the various health faculties at UDS including:

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3. Physiology and Biophysics
4. Clinical Microbiology
5. Pathology
6. Anaesthesia and Intensive Care
7. Health Education Department
8. Radiology
9. ENT
10. Ophthalmology
11. Surgery: Urology, General Surgery, Trauma and Orthopaedics, Paediatric Surgery
12. Internal Medicine and Therapeutic
13. Community Health
14. Family Medicine
15. Paediatrics and Child Health
16. Mental Health

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Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Kathmandu, Nepal

Patan has 10 units available for placements. If students have different choices for different units, they can spread them among the units they have. They can take 2 students at a time for each of their units. The Patan application is available at ghfomd@ualberta.ca. Complete and return to ghfomd@ualberta.ca.

Electives available:

General Medicine

General Surgery

Emergency & Out-Patient Dept.

Pediatrics

Orthopedics

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Elective Fee: ~ \$US 400/month (\$US 100/week)

Visa: 60 day visa issued upon arrival for US \$30

Accommodations: Accommodation is not available at hospital premises. Patan can give students the contact information for a person who can arrange accommodations. Students must inform Patan one month prior to your arrival if they wish to have assistance with accommodations. Accommodations are reasonably priced, comfortable and close to the hospital.

Description: In this clinical field station, students will collaborate with the Patan Academy of Health Sciences to complete medical rotations and learn about its innovative medical curriculum. Previous students have been very satisfied with their experiences at PAHS. Given language issues and the clinical load of many preceptors, much of this elective will be shadowing and observation.

Work week is 5 days a week (8:00am - 4:00pm, Saturday and Wednesday - remains closed). Students must agree to comply with the department and hospital rules and regulations. There will not be vacation during your elective posting.

Patan needs a recommendation letter from the U of A in support of the student's elective. It can be sent electronically prior to arrival or submitted upon arrival.

The elective course here consists of observation only (i.e. shadowing senior doctors). Students will however, have the opportunity to attend the weekly department conferences and grand rounds that are held every Friday morning and also access to the library including Internet service.

The hospital does not provide any insurance benefits (medical/otherwise).

Students are encouraged to bring a white coat which must be worn in the hospital. Patan will arrange for students to have one if they do not provide their own.

Previous student's comments:

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Nepal and learned a lot about medicine, both inside and outside the hospital. There are many things that I think both institutions can learn from each other. This starts with an open communication and exchange between students and staff at both institutions. These student exchanges and partnerships are one of the best ways to share ideas and improve ourselves in the future. Most importantly, they help to contribute to a globally healthy community."

"My experience here in Nepal has been amazing, and it has definitely increased my interest in hopefully becoming involved in Global Health projects in the future!"

Malaria Elective at Jinja Referral Hospital and/or Kambuga District Hospital

Electives available:

Focus on malaria – academic & clinical

Duration: 4 weeks, possibility of 2, 4 week blocks

Number of students/residents: 6-10/block

Elective fee: \$US 750/month (includes admin fee, translators, PPE) This payment will be due early in the year directly to the NGO Association for Health Innovation in Africa (AFHIA). Accommodation, flights, vaccines, in addition to this.

Visa: 3-month visa issued on arrival at the airport for ~US \$50

Accommodation: In Kambuga it's a bit limiting but there are tourist-level Kigezi Cottages across the street.

Description: This overseas elective focuses on childhood malaria. Clinical and academic activities are designed to rapidly increase expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of uncomplicated and severe malaria, as well as some public health aspects. Malaria is the most common reason for admission to the Jinja Regional Referral Hospital (JRRH), and trainees will benefit from a high volume of cases, including severe malaria cases. FoMD Faculty member, Dr. Michael Hawkes, facilitates this elective.

Mbarara, Uganda (Mbarara University)

Electives available:

Internal Medicine

Pediatrics

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Pharmacy

Anesthesia

Surgery

Psychiatry

Research Project

Community Based Education Research and Service

Elective Fee: None

Visa: 3-month visa issued upon airport arrival for US\$50

Accommodations: To follow.

Description: In this clinical field station, students will complete rotations through the Mbarara University of Science and Technology.

Complete Mbarara University's [Application form](#) and return to the Global Health Program at ghfomd@ualberta.ca.

Kampala, Uganda (Makerere University)

Electives available:

Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, other possibilities (see the application form for more information)

Elective Fee: None

Visa: 3-month visa issued upon airport arrival for US\$50

Accommodations: \$30/night for a large self-contained room. Accommodation information is available in the application form.

Description: In this field station, students will complete "clinical" rotations through the Makerere University Medical School. The clinical rotations are more of a shadowing experience than hands on clinical experience regardless of your UME year. Experiences of past learners at Makerere have been very positive. Students also have the option of being placed in a small town called Tororo at Tororo Family Medicine teaching site which is about 250 km from the capital of Kampala near the Kenya-Uganda border. Students will be put in touch with a resident faculty who will help them through all the processes. Students interested in the Tororo option must find one or more students willing to attend with them. It is not feasible to send only 1 student at a time. More information is available in [Makerere's Application Form](#). Please complete and return to ghfomd@ualberta.ca and the Global Health Program office will put you in touch with Makerere to finalize the details of your elective.

Wenzhou Medical University Summer Clinical Program

Contact ghfomd@ualberta.ca for the brochure

Deadline for applications is in April

For more information contact wzmczs@126.com

This 4 week program during July and August is for full-time senior undergraduate students and graduate

students currently registered at partner universities, non-Chinese citizens and in good academic standing. The program provides opportunities to have clinical observation and practice in A-level tertiary hospitals, explores local culture through a series of orientation, social and cultural activities, and meets the requirement of a 4-week clerkship. Receive a program certificate from the hospital. The clerkship fee, field trip fee and accommodation fee are waived. Students are responsible for their international transportation and insurance.

International Electives in Development (ie. Not Yet Confirmed)

Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad

Electives available:

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Immunology

Orthopedics

Hematology

Radiology

Community Health

Pediatrics

Anesthesiology

General Surgery

Adult Medicine

Ophthalmology

Pediatrics Emergency Medicine

ENT (Otorhinolaryngology)

Psychiatry

Fees: There is an elective application fee of USD 50.00. If accepted, an elective fee of USD 100.00 **per week or any part thereof** also applies. Students attending the University of the West Indies Cave Hill, Mona or Bahamas Campuses are exempt from the application and elective fees.

Visa:

Accommodations: To Follow

The School of Medicine in the Faculty of Medical Sciences at the St. Augustine Campus in Trinidad and Tobago offers a 4–16-week elective for visiting clinical medical students.

Details on available electives for first time elective applicants to the Faculty of Medical Sciences can be found at:

https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B_wHtPC-_45UbzMySigtMGMxZzA&usp=sharing

To be eligible for an elective at the Faculty of Medical Sciences at the St. Augustine Campus in Trinidad and Tobago, applicants should normally have completed the first clinical year of medicine.

Placement of elective students are on a first come, first served basis. You are advised to apply at least six

months in advance of the time of starting. Details on the application process and the application form for first time elective applicants can be found at:

https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B_wHtPC-45UWU13MUJWUNCZms&usp=sharing

The completed application form and accompanying documents must be submitted via email to electivestudents@sta.uwi.edu. Paper applications would not be acknowledged. If you are submitting your application or have other questions, allow 3-5 working days for specific feedback.

Aga Khan University Nairobi, Kenya

Electives available:

Cardiology

Family Medicine

Other possibilities

Elective Fee: None

Visa: All non-Kenyan medical students are required to have an internship pass which is issued by the immigration department. This internship pass takes a minimum of 90 working days to process. Most of the times, it takes longer. A 3-month visa issued upon arrival for US\$50/US\$20 at Nairobi Airport/US\$10 7-day transit

Accommodations: To follow.

Details about the station: Students will be placed in rotations through the Aga Khan University in Nairobi.

This is a large multidisciplinary private hospital with four major departments: Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics & Child Health and Obstetrics/Gynecology. The Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi is a 280-bed multidisciplinary Private Hospital with services in the following major departments: Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics & Child Health and Obstetrics & Gynecology. It also provides out-patient services in both the Emergency Room and in the Outpatient Specialty Clinics. The hospital also has a 24-hour children's walk-in centre adjacent to the Pediatric ward, Executive suites where patients are admitted as "Guests", new modern laboratory and state of art physiotherapy with hydrotherapy pool, the first of its kind in East and Central Africa. The elective student is accepted at the Hospital to acquire experience in patient management under the supervision of the full range of the Hospital team of doctors (Consultants, Faculty and Residents) as may be reasonably required of them. Generally, students are encouraged to distribute their elective periods in the four departments, with a minimum of three weeks in any department. They have very limited space due to the high demand/requests from local and international medical students to rotate at this hospital.

Addendum

For information about **Grants, Scholarships and Bursaries** [go here](#).

To sign up for the **Global Health Monthly Newsletter** [go here.](#)

To join our monthly **Global Health Rounds** [go here.](#)