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International Electives for Students in the

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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:

Shanghai, China (Fudan University)

Electives available:
Classroom based (3 weeks)
Shadowing opportunities integrated into elective (1 week)

Elective Fee: $1600
Application Fee: TBD
Visa: China Visa Details Link
Accommodations: To follow.

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.

Further Updates: None at this time
Timing of Elective: July 2018 (precise dates awaiting confirmation from Fudan University)

Tamale, Ghana (University of Development Studies)

*(Note: Runs every 2nd Year – offered in Summer 2020, 2022 etc.)*

Electives available:
Classroom based
Possible Shadowing at the hospital

Elective Fee: TBD
Visa: must be obtained prior to arrival for C$65
Accommodations: To follow.

Description: This is a formal music and health promotion course developed by Dr. Michael Frishkopf, Faculty of Arts that is open to students in the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry. A syllabus will be available. Discussions with the medical school at UDS are underway and it is anticipated that there will be opportunities to shadow in the hospital in Tamale as part of this course.

For information about previous similar courses in the Faculty of Arts, please visit: Ghana: Program Overview.
Note that there is a significant health promotion through music component to this course.

Timing of Elective: July/August (5-6 weeks)
Further Updates: None at this time

**Chongqing, China**

Electives Available:
Research Assistant on maternal health project

Elective Fee: TBD
Visa: must be obtained prior to arrival
Accommodations: To follow

Description: This is an opportunity for a Mandarin-speaking student to be involved in a maternal health project with local Chinese researchers with oversight by Dr. D. Olson from the University of Alberta. The overall study is inquiring into antecedents to pre-term labor.

More details to follow by November/December 2018.
Timing of Elective: June/July

**Jinja Referral Hospital and/or Kambuga District Hospital**

Electives available:
Focus on malaria – academic & clinical

Elective fee: $US 400/month
Visa: 3-month visa issued on arrival at the airport for US$50
Accommodation: To follow

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.

**Kathmandu, Nepal (Patan Academy of Health Sciences)**

Electives available:
Public Health

Elective Fee: $US TBD/month
Visa: 60-day visa issued upon arrival for US$30
Accommodations: There will be contact from the lead librarian after the Global Health Program and PAHS have confirmed the elective. They will give suggestions on where to rent a room. Accommodation is reasonably
priced, comfortable and close to the hospital.

Description: In this non-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.
Clinical Electives for Second*, Third, Fourth Year Medical Students and Residents:
(*students who have completed their second academic year of medical school)

Zhejiang University School of Medicine, Hangzhou, China

Electives available:
Elective of the students’ choice

Elective Fee: none
Visa: China Visa Details Link
Accommodations: To follow.

Description: Nominated students may suggest their choice of electives to the Host Institution through Dr. Joan Robinson, UME Electives Coordinator. The Host Institution has the right to change what elective is offered if the circumstances beyond their reasonable control lead to the original elective no longer being available.

Further Updates: None at this time

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (St. Paul’s Hospital)

Electives available:
Maternal Health

Elective Fee: None
Visa: 1-month visa issued upon airport arrival for US$20
Accommodations: To follow.

Description: This field station is based on a strong partnership with St. Paul’s Hospital Millennium Medical College. There is currently a Government of Canada funded maternal, neonatal and child health project underway there with Canadian faculty regularly travelling to Addis Ababa for the project. Opportunities in obstetrics & gynecology as well as pediatrics are possible. To date, only residents have undertaken electives here. Reports from residents indicate that students they had observed from other countries were only allowed to shadow while on rotation here.

UPDATES: There has been significant instability in Ethiopia in 2018. The Global Affairs Program will continue to monitor the situation. Learners will not be assigned to Ethiopia unless it is deemed safe to travel there.

Hawassa, Ethiopia (Hawassa University)

Electives available:
Range of possibilities in core disciplines

Elective Fee: TBD
Visa: 1-month visa issued upon airport arrival for US$20
Accommodations: To follow.

Description: This is a new field station that has not yet had learners from the University of Alberta. In discussions
with individuals in the medical school there, it is anticipated that there will be opportunities in a number of disciplines.

UPDATE: There has been significant instability in Ethiopia in 2018. The Global Affairs Program will continue to monitor the situation. Learners will not be assigned to Ethiopia unless it is deemed safe to travel there.

*Kathmandu, Nepal (Patan Academy of Health Sciences)*

Electives available:
- General Medicine
- General Surgery
- Emergency & Out-Patient Dept. Pediatrics
- Orthopedics
- Obstetrics & Gynecology

Elective Fee: $US 400/month

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

Accommodations: There will be contact from the lead librarian after the Global Health Program and PAHS have confirmed the elective. They will give suggestions on where to rent a room. Accommodation is 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.

Patan Hospital’s Application form link, please fill out and return to the Global Health Program.

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!!”

*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. In 2018, Mbarara changed its offerings for foreign students with timing that did not coincide with the availability of FoMD 2nd year students. The Global Health Program is awaiting confirmation of the dates for summer of 2019.

Updates:
Mbarara University’s Application form link, please fill out and return to the Global Health Program.

Kampala, Uganda (Makerere University)

Electives available:
Family Medicine Internal Medicine Other possibilities

Elective Fee: None
Visa: 3-month visa issued upon airport arrival for US$50
Accommodations: To follow

Description: In this field station, students will complete clinical rotations through the Makerere University Medical School. Experiences of past learners at Makerere have been very positive.

Updates: None

Nairobi, Kenya (Aga Khan University)

Electives available:
Cardiology
Family Medicine
Other possibilities

Elective Fee: None
Visa: 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.

There have not been learners at the Aga Khan to date. However, a recent trip by faculty members has confirmed that there is significant interest in hosting learners from the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry. Members of the FoMD assisted AKU in setting up a cardiology program. There was also a group of faculty members who assisted AKU in developing an undergraduate medical program.
Aga Khan University Hospital Nairobi Application form link, please return to the Global Health Program.

Updates: None

Taiwan

Electives available:
Emergency

Elective Fee: None
Visa: Not required for 90 days
Accommodations: To follow

Description: This partnership with Chang Gung Memorial Hospital and University invites students to complete rotations in emergency medicine. It is helpful if students speak Mandarin as most patients speak only Mandarin and many lectures/rounds are conducted in Mandarin. Many of the Taiwanese teachers and students speak English so it has been possible for non-Mandarin speakers to undertake this elective but the value is very dependent on having a fellow student from UAlberta or from Taiwan willing to assist with translation.

This is a well-organized elective that is highly rated by learners who have gone in the past. Accommodation and information about how to get to the elective are available prior to the commencement of the elective.

Updates: None

Previous students’ comments:
“It has been a great learning experience so far! In the few days we have been in pediatrics, diseases that are more common to the Asian populations such as Kawasaki, Thalassemia, and Enterovirus 71 are seen in the ER more frequently. In the adult ER, there are a few unique presentations that can be seen such as acute kidney injury due to Chinese medicinal products and oral cancer due to betal nuts. Because of the large number of patients that are treated in the ER, we also had the opportunity to see numerous presentations that are common to Canada, such as strokes, MI, and PE, a lot more frequently throughout the day than we would back home.”

“Everyone I met in Taiwan was extremely friendly and open to explaining things. It was a very enjoyable and educational experience, and I would recommend other students shadow at VGH.”

University of the West Indies (Trinidad)

Electives available:
Several options

Elective Fee: TBD
Visa:
Accommodations: To Follow

Description: This is a new partnership. UWI Trinidad’s medical school is interested in having UAlberta students
undertake electives with them. Details are currently being finalized.

**Peru – In development**

**Philippines (Philippines General Hospital) – In development**
**Funding for International Field Station Electives:**

All undergrad medical students are eligible for the travel bursary from the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry through the Division of Community Engagement, if the following criteria are met:

1) The student must be a current undergraduate in the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry.
2) The student will take a clinical or non-clinical elective of at least four weeks in duration.
3) The student is going to one of our Field stations and apply by the deadline.
4) The elective is in a low-medium resource-limited or culturally special setting outside of continental North America.
5) Consideration will only be given to students who have attended the 12-Hour Global Health Elective prior to an overseas elective (need only to take once during medical school) as well as the pre-departure training program.
6) An application, including a travel budget, sent to ghfomd@ualberta.ca on or before the deadline.
7) A report in the form of a poster upon completion of the elective for the Global Health Fair (January).

Amounts vary from year to year.

More Information about Grants, Scholarships and Bursaries go to: Funding for GH Electives.xlsx

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