Program Description

The Office of International Medicine Programs (IMP) at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) partners with institutions abroad to provide medical students the opportunity to experience clinical rotations in a health care system other than their own. These rotations allow students to enrich and diversify their medical education in an international setting, and the potential to earn three to six credit hours. Program length is between four to eight weeks.

Goals

- Gain knowledge of the importance of diseases that are uncommon in a student’s home country
- Observe and develop existing clinical skills
- Broaden public health knowledge
- Develop creativity through problem-solving
- Deepen commitment to providing high quality medical services
- Provide opportunities to explore alternate career possibilities
- Gain experience in aspects of medicine beyond the core curriculum
- To understand the relationship between medicine and society in another culture. This includes developing an understanding of medical ethics and law, the recognition of medical problems facing different groups within another society, the financing of medical care, and the role of government in healthcare outside of the student’s home country.
Available Rotations

IMP offers clinical electives in the following areas, based upon availability: Anesthesiology, Clinical Neuroscience, Emergency Medicine, Medicine and Subspecialties, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics and Subspecialties, Psychiatry, Surgery and Surgical Specialties.

Eligibility Requirements

Medical students must have completed two months of each of the following basic clinical rotations: internal medicine, family practice, pediatrics, OB/GYN, surgery, and psychiatry. Students must be in excellent academic standing and have a working knowledge of the English language.

Application Process

Each student must submit an application, academic transcripts, curriculum vitae, statement of goals and objectives, letter of good standing, and two recommendation letters. Students will be selected based on a variety of factors, including career goals, previous experience, special skills (such as language knowledge), and academic qualifications. At this time, we only accept visiting students from those institutions in which we have a formal and written affiliation agreement.

Exchange Sites

Clinical rotations are available in the following countries: Austria, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jerusalem, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malta, Peru, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, St. Lucia, Thailand, Uganda, UAE, Uruguay, Vietnam, and World Wide Medical Mission Sites.