INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine has opportunities for a limited number of students from schools throughout the world to participate in elective experiences at our institution. Applicants from approved institutions are accepted based on credentials and space availability.

The Office of Student Affairs is the central area to review and verify credentials. Each clinical department is then responsible for acceptance of these elective requests as well as notifying the students regarding the status of their application.

The quality of the international medical student’s experience is equivalent to that of our senior medical students, having the same rights and responsibilities during the elective. Upon acceptance and payment of tuition, the international student will receive credit for the elective experience. The electives duration is no less than four (4) weeks with a maximum duration of eight (8) weeks.

Electives approved for international students are identified in the Senior Course Catalog. Students are required to be present for the entire length of the planned elective (4 or 8 weeks) to become eligible to receive a satisfactory evaluation and credit for the elective.

The following requirements must be verified by the International student’s academic institution in order to be considered for an elective:

In good academic standing
Final year of clinical studies at home institution
No improper behavior history
Successfully passed the appropriate state examinations in the home country
Proficient in the English Language both verbal and written
Provide proof of personal health insurance coverage
Provide proof of liability/malpractice coverage during time of elective at Pitt
Provide results of Pennsylvania Act 33 clearance, Pennsylvania Act 34 clearance and FBI Act 73 clearances

Pennsylvania Act 33 link
Pennsylvania Act 34 link
FBI Act 73 link

The cost of participating in an elective experience during the current academic year is estimated as follows:

Non-refundable application fee $ 50.00
Tuition expense (flat rate) $ 2,100.00
Monthly expenses (estimated)
Rent and Utilities $ 650.00
Food 250.00
Personal Expenses 200.00
Transportation expenses 150.00 $ 1,500.00
Total Expenses (estimated) $3,650.00

This estimated budget is based on information collected from our own students and their financial needs and does not include air transportation to and from the home country or dependent expenses (if applicable). Your actual expenses may exceed this cost depending on your lifestyle. There is no financial assistance or grants offered by the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine to defray attendance costs.

IF YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AN ELECTIVE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ELECTIVE APPLICATION REQUEST