

AUA Overseas Study Programme

Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Aims and Objectives

To promote undergraduate medical students in their 3rd year or above to receive two weeks of electives in a hospital setting, in a discipline of their choice as well as in the field, to experience the Sri Lankan community and culture.

To create an international platform to bring together delegates from various backgrounds and countries to one destination, to share their teaching / learning experiences in a clinical setting.

To improve the relationship between the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo and Medical schools in AUA universities as well as Medical schools in South and South East Asia.

Description

The Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, at present conducts a highly reputed overseas electives programme (<http://elective.med.cmb.ac.lk>); where over 150 undergraduate medical students from countries such as United Kingdom, Australia, Sweden, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia come for their electives annually. The AUA Overseas Study Programme in Sri Lanka will provide an opportunity for medical students in AUA member universities to experience electives either Clinical Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics or Obstetrics and Gynecology, Community medicine, Infectious diseases, Laboratory sciences in addition to a field experience within the community.

Who Can Apply

- Undergraduate Medical Students following a MBBS programme at an AUA member University
- Students should be in their 3rd year or study or above
- The student should be able to correspond fluently in English
- Applications will be welcome from 3 nominated students per university
- 15 participants will be selected

Agenda

Component 1: Hospital experience: 8 working days

Component 2: Community medicine through field experience: 2 working days

*Duration of programme: 2 weeks (10 working days)

Component 1: Hospital Experience

You may **select one** of the four clinical departments as your area of electives.

- Clinical Medicine
- Surgery
- Pediatrics
- Obstetrics and Gynecology

8 working days in your selected discipline will cover 04 hours per day (32 hours).

DISCIPLINE	HOSPITAL	FORMS OF INSTRUCTION WILL INCLUDE
OPTION 1A: CLINICAL MEDICINE	National Hospital of Sri Lanka	Attend outpatient clinics Join the teaching ward rounds Observation of medical procedures
OPTION 2A: SURGERY	National Hospital of Sri Lanka	Observe and assist at a range of minor to complex major surgical procedures in general, gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary & pancreas, breast & endocrine, vascular and paediatric surgery, along with interventional endoscopy and anaesthesiology Attend the busy outpatient clinic and witness first-hand, patients presenting with a multitude of surgical disorders Join the teaching ward rounds and the weekly CME activities including journal clubs, morbidity & mortality meetings, radiology and histopathology meetings
OPTION 3A: PEDIATRICS	Lady Ridgeway Hospital Colombo	Attend teaching sessions in outpatient clinics, Join the ward rounds and Observation of medical procedures
OPTION 4A: OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY	National Hospital of Sri Lanka/ De Soysa Hospital for women	Teaching sessions in outpatient clinics, operating theatres, ward rounds and labour wards

Component 2: Field Experience

This will include 2 days (4 hours / day x 2 days = 8 hours) with the community medicine department, where the students will experience the health services provided in the field.

Dates

Due to limited capacity of the hospitals that host students in Component 1, the 15 participants will be divided into 2 groups. The dates for the 2 groups are as follows. Applicants may indicate the preference of dates in your application form.

Group 1: 3rd – 14th September 2018 [component 1: 3rd – 12th, component 2: 13th and 14th]

Group 2: 1st – 12th October 2018 [component 1: 1st – 10th, component 2: 11th and 12th]

Both groups will have a weekend in the middle of their elective period. Those interested can be linked with a travel agent, to explore Sri Lanka (please see details in attached files).

Expenditure

Students will have to fund for their airfare and accommodation. A stipend of USD 135 per student, will be provided. Visa fees and student registration fees will not be taken from AUA participants.

Housing will be made available at HARTI (Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training institute).

<http://www.harti.gov.lk/index.php/en/residential-facilities>

Where a single room will be 30 USD/night and a double room will be 40 USD/night.

The University of Colombo will book the rooms for participants, who are supposed to pay the accommodation fees when check-in.

The USD 135 stipend will be given to the participants in cash (in Sri Lankan rupees) when they report to the Electives Unit on arrival.

Meals and other refreshments are available at HARTI. Payments for meals and refreshments should be made directly to the caterer. Meals will also be available at the university canteen and the many eateries around the university at affordable prices.

Process of Application

Please download the attached application form.

Email the following to internationalunit@med.cmb.ac.lk.

- ✓ The completed application form
- ✓ A letter from the head of your institution / faculty confirming your status as an undergraduate student and the year of study
- ✓ One passport size photograph
- ✓ Scanned copy of your passport bio page

Make sure to mention “**AUA Overseas Study Programme**” as the subject of the email.

The **deadline of application** is 30th June 2018

Process after Application

- All incomplete applications will be rejected at the time of submission or at the time of processing.
- If there are any queries regarding the application process or about the elective appointment you prefer, you can e mail to us internationalunit@med.cmb.ac.lk . For all future correspondence, please quote the elective reference number.
- First notification of acceptance will be the conditional acceptance letter which will be emailed to you.
- In the conditional acceptance letter, you will be requested to submit further documents/ information before a deadline, to prepare the student entry visa.
- Once we have successfully processed your student entry visa, you will get the elective confirmation letter with the visa.
- Your elective will be confirmed only after we had been successful in processing your visa.

On Arrival

You should report to the Electives Unit located at the Faculty on your arrival ([The map of the faculty](#))

Visa

All foreign nationals require a visa to enter Sri Lanka. There are many types of visa depending on your purpose of travel to Sri Lanka and duration of stay. Even if the Faculty of Medicine offers you an elective placement, according to Sri Lanka's Immigration and Emigrations regulations, you need to have a student visa to be eligible for an elective attachment. Therefore, your placement needs to be approved by Sri Lankan Ministry of Higher Education and Department of Immigration and Emigration before we can process a student entry visa for you Please note that:

1. You will be issued a student visa only for the period of elective attachment in Sri Lanka.
2. Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo will not take any responsibility for arranging or extending you visa for any other purposes
3. You will be expected to get your passport stamped with Sri Lankan visa at the Sri Lankan High Commission in the country of your academic Institution within 1-2 weeks prior to your elective commencement in our Institution.

Therefore, you have to be available in the country of your academic institution at that time. You are expected to consider this when you plan your travel to Sri Lanka.

4. If you are studying in a country other than your own, you have to submit the scanned copy of the visa page where you have valid visa to study in the host country (country of academic Institution)

Note: All the instructions are subject to change at any time. You may benefit from the following information.

* Student entry visa (valid for 30 days) will be processed by our Institution and once the procedure is complete, the Department of Immigration and Emigration will issue the necessary instructions to the respective Sri Lankan Overseas Mission (SLOM) to issue a student entry visa to you.

**Once we inform you that the above process is complete, you have to personally visit the respective SLOM and obtain the endorsement of student entry visa in your passport.

Note: Visa for the students who are studying in country where there is no Sri Lankan High Commission will be processed case by case. Contact us well ahead in time.