A clinical placement at Imperial College London will provide overseas students with a rewarding bespoke programme. There are opportunities for hands-on supervised experience in routine clinical practice, as well as exposure to a wide variety of specialised units, many of which have a global reputation for both clinical care and research. You will be able to experience medical life as an Imperial medical student and to enjoy the differences in culture between countries and schools.

**What can a clinical placement at Imperial offer you?**

**Academic excellence**
Imperial College London is consistently ranked among the world’s leading universities. Imperial College School of Medicine is one of the largest and most successful medical schools in the UK, with a strong reputation for managing high quality clinical education across multiple healthcare sites.

**Rich experience**
The Imperial partner hospitals and multiple community sites within greater London offer a full range of healthcare services. The clinical sites provide:
- Engagement with cosmopolitan patients and diverse pathology
- A wide range of clinical specialties and specialised units
- Teaching by experienced clinicians
- Opportunities for hands-on clinical practice with high quality feedback
- Experience of medical life as an Imperial medical student

**Superb location**
Imperial is located in central London, which is ranked the best student city in the world (QS Best Student Cities 2018). All that the city has to offer is on your doorstep!
During your clinical placement programme, you will be immersed into the **college community** and experience the culture of Imperial College London and the United Kingdom. This exclusive and beautiful part of London is home to Imperial College London’s sports facilities, gyms, student union, shops, restaurants and bars. The campus faces Hyde Park and has excellent transport links to the rest of the city.

Imperial has a variety of **social and sports clubs** all of which would be available to you. We can support you to get in contact with these clubs during your stay.

The college community is a fusion of exploration, friendship and support. We are eager for you to become part of this and guide you to explore the city.

London offers something for everyone from intense sports matches at Chelsea football stadium, to beautiful abstract art at Tate Britain, captivating dance at Saddlers Wells Ballet venue, alternative restaurants in Soho to inspiring exhibitions at the Wellcome Collection and Royal College of Surgeons to name a few.
Programme Requirements

**Visa**
You will be required to enter the UK on a Short-term study visa, more information can be found in the FAQs below and on the Imperial website:
https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students/visas-and-immigration/

**Clinical Clearance**
You will be required to complete Imperial clinical clearance, which will include complete a Clinical Clearance form. Following assessment of your completed form, you will attend an Occupational Health appointment at Imperial on your Induction Day. At this appointment you are required to have a test for blood borne viruses.

You may be required to have additional vaccinations depending on Occupational Health’s assessment of your clearance form.

**English Language**
The minimum English language requirement is IELTS 6.5 (minimum of 6.0 in each component). Other equivalents that Imperial recognise are detailed at the following link:
https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/requirements/english/

**Criminal Record Check**
All students on hospital postings must complete an in date criminal record check.

**Data Protection**
During the programme we will collect data required for the administration of your placement programme. Please see our Privacy Policy on the website for more details:
https://www.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/partnership/education-collaboration/

More information on the requirements will be included in the Information Pack.
Imperial will support you during your stay in London with opportunities to provide feedback throughout the programme. We want to ensure you enjoy your placements. We will provide both academic and pastoral support to ensure you are settled in London. We offer:

**Induction Day**
An introductory day to the school will be provided on the first day of the placement programme, with speakers including the Senior Faculty Staff, President of Imperial College School of Medicine Students’ Union, Academic Lead for Collaborative Partnership Placements and NHS staff.

**Farewell Reception**
At the end of the programme, there will be a Farewell Reception for students and staff who have been involved in the programme.

**Senior Placements Tutor**
Pastoral support will be provided by the Academic Lead for Collaborative Partnership Placements, who will act as your academic tutor to ensure that your placement components are coordinated and run smoothly.

**Administrative Support**
The Collaborative Partnerships Team will be available before and during your Clinical Placement Programme to support you with any queries around your placements and any requirements.

The Collaborative Partnerships team at Imperial look forward to welcoming you.

**Professor Mark Nelson**
Consultant Physician
Academic Lead for Collaborative Partnership Placements
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