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An elective at Imperial College London will provide LKCMedicine 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. In 2020 the elective period will be from 24th August until the 2nd October.

What can an elective 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 Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust provides specialist healthcare for around one million people per year. The Chelsea and Westminster NHS Foundation Trust also serves a catchment area in excess of one million people. Between the two Trusts, there are seven hospitals and multiple community sites within greater London, which offer a full range of healthcare services. The clinical sites provide:

- Engagement with cosmopolitan patients and diverse pathology
- A wide range of clinical specialities 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!
The electives will be based at five affiliated hospitals:

- Charing Cross Hospital
- Chelsea and Westminster Hospital
- Hammersmith Hospital
- St Mary’s Hospital
- West Middlesex Hospital

Students will complete three different specialty postings of 2 weeks each. Examples of the programme are shown below, with specific choices of specialty tailored to the preferences of individual students:

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Postings in General Practice can also be requested, at an additional cost: £784.40 for a 2 week posting.

These are guide prices for 2018/19 and may be subject to change annually.
During your six week elective, 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.
**Elective Fee**
There is an administrative fee of £250 for the entire elective experience in Imperial. This will be payable to Imperial before you start your Elective Programme.

**General Practice Postings**
General Practice postings can be requested at an additional cost: £784.40 for a 2 week posting. These are guide prices for 2018/19 and may be subject to change annually. This will be payable to Imperial before you start your Elective Programme.

**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 completing 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, which currently costs £59 (please note that this price might increase in line with RPI). This payment will be by made by Credit/Debit card (Amex not accepted) at your appointment.

You may be required to have additional vaccinations depending on Occupational Health’s assessment of your clearance form. There will be an additional charge if you are required to have any vaccinations and this may delay the start of your postings.

**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/

**Police Certificate of Clearance**
All students on hospital postings must complete a criminal record check. An in date Certificate of Clearance provided by the Singapore Police Force will be acceptable.

**Data Protection**
During the programme we will collect data required for the administration of your elective 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 costs and requirements will be included in the Information Pack, which will be sent to students in April.
Imperial will support you during your stay in London with opportunities to provide feedback throughout the programme. We want to ensure you enjoy your elective. 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 elective, with speakers including a welcome from 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 Electives 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 elective components are coordinated and run smoothly.

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

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

**Professor Mark Nelson**
Consultant Physician
Academic Lead for Collaborative Partnership Placements
Faculty of Medicine
Imperial College London
How do I know if I have been awarded the Imperial Elective Award?
Students who are eligible for the Imperial Elective Award will be notified by email.

What is the Imperial Elective Period?
In 2020, the Imperial Elective Programme will be from Monday 24th August until Friday 2nd October. On the 24th August, you will attend an Induction at Imperial. Please note that Monday 31st August is a UK Bank Holiday.

What is the Imperial Elective duration?
The Imperial Electives Programme is 6 weeks.

How many Imperial Elective award/non-award vacancies are there for my cohort?
Each year the number of available Electives may change. In 2020, there are 34 places available. Some of the places will be allocated to Award students with the rest made available to the rest of the cohort. The split between award and non-award places will be announced by the end of August each year.

What is the application process?
Please submit the Imperial Year 5 Elective Choice Form by the deadline. Imperial will then organise your postings.

Can I change my mind and withdraw from a confirmed Elective posting with Imperial College London?
You are not allowed to withdraw once your Elective posting with Imperial is confirmed. You are advised to consider this application carefully before submitting.

Is there an Elective administrative fee?
Yes, you will be required to pay an administrative fee of £250 for the entire elective experience in Imperial. Students who choose to go GP postings will be charged an additional £80 approximately per day for the duration of their GP posting.

Is there any administrative paperwork that I must complete for the Imperial Elective?
You must submit your student choice form by the deadline. Closer to your Elective postings, we will contact you with further details of administrative paperwork required.
Are the specialty choices submitted on my Imperial Year 5 Elective Choice Form guaranteed?
We cannot guarantee specialty choices, however we will work to match student requests as closely as possible. If it is not possible to provide students with any of their top five specialty choices, we will contact students in advance to discuss alternative options.

Would it be possible to change my specialty choices after I have submitted my form to Imperial via the School?
No, further changes are not allowed after you have submitted your specialty choices. Changing one student’s posting has a follow on effect on the other students’ programmes and will affect the overall schedule.

Would it be possible for me to do a GP posting at Imperial?
Yes, but a GP postings is not guaranteed. The GP posting would be self-funded and it will cost approximately £80 per day.

When would I know the outcome of my Imperial Elective Choice application?
You will be provided with your posting details by June (though it may be possible to confirm sooner). Please note that postings may be subject to change in extenuating circumstances.

What do I need to bring along to Imperial for my Elective?
We will contact you in April with details of any documentation that you must prepare and/or bring with you to your Imperial Elective. Please note that this will include a Certificate of Clearance (COC) from the Singapore Police Force. Please request this early, but no sooner than April, as we require a recent clearance but it will take time to obtain the COC. Please see for information: https://www.police.gov.sg/e-services/apply/certificate-of-clearance

Do I need to wear my LKCMedicine white coat and/or scrub during the elective postings?
You are not required to wear your white coat and scrub during your elective postings. Scrubs will be provided by the Hospitals if it is required.

When is the Induction?
There is a compulsory Induction Day on Monday 24th August 2020 at the Imperial South Kensington Campus in London. You will also attend local Hospital inductions on the first day of each of your postings.

Can I miss the Induction?
No, all students MUST attend the Induction Day in London as part of their Electives. Students who do not attend the programme will not be allowed to start their Imperial Elective. Please note that the first day of each posting involves a local hospital induction, which also MUST be attended.
Information about visa requirements

Please note that the below answers reflect the immigration guidelines to enter the UK in October 2018. If regulations change prior to students arriving in the UK, we will contact students to advise of any changes.

Can I enter the United Kingdom (UK) on a Tourist visa?
No, all students must enter the UK on a Short-term study visa for electives to Imperial College London. Holders of a Singapore passport can be stamped in on arrival as a Short-term student at the UK border with an original letter from the host institution and evidence of sufficient funds. Holders of a non-Singaporean passport may be required to apply for this ahead of their visit. Further advice on the visa requirements will be sent in March. More information can be found here: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students/visas-and-immigration/short-term-study-visa/

How do I prove to the UK Immigration that I have sufficient financial means to support myself?
You should prepare and present bank statements covering a period of 6 months, which prove that you have sufficient funds to support yourself during your time in the UK (we recommend at least £300 or SGD equivalent per week that you intend to be in the country, in addition to any outstanding course fees).

Does the UK Immigration accept electronic bank statements?
Online statements that have been verified by the bank (by being stamped on every page) will be acceptable.

Can I enter the UK earlier for travelling?
Yes, but you are not advised to travel more than one week in advance of the start date for Short-term study visa. If you are planning to enter the UK more than a week before the start date, you may do so as a tourist as Singaporeans (non-Visa nationals) can enter the UK without prior entry clearance. You should then exit and re-enter the UK under the Short-term study visa nearer the start of the course.