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**LKC Medicine Electives Programme at
Imperial**



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Introduction

An elective at Imperial College School of Medicine (ICSM) 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 ICSM student and to enjoy the differences in culture between countries and schools. In 2026 there will be two elective programmes: Cohort 1 Streams A and B (10 August – 18 September 2026) and Cohort 2 Streams C and D (24 August – 2 October 2026).

What can an elective at ICSM offer you?

Academic excellence

Imperial College London is consistently ranked among the world's leading universities. ICSM 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.

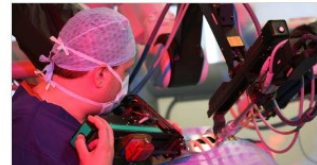
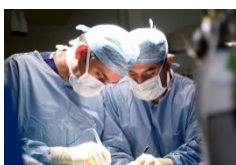
Rich experience

The Chelsea and Westminster NHS Foundation Trust serves a catchment area in excess of one million people. 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 ICSM student

Superb location

ICSM is located in central London, which is consistently ranked in the top best student cities in the world (#3 in QS Best Student Cities 2026). All that the city has to offer is on your doorstep!



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Elective Choices and Locations

The electives will be based at two affiliated hospitals:

- ☆ Chelsea and Westminster Hospital
- ☆ West Middlesex Hospital

The programme will include two different specialty postings of 3 weeks each. Specialty choices will be tailored to the preferences of individual students.

Students could be placed at both hospitals or one hospital for the duration of the programme.

An example of the programme is shown below:

Two postings (3 weeks each)	
Week 1	Emergency Medicine West Middlesex Hospital
Week 2	Emergency Medicine West Middlesex Hospital
Week 3	Emergency Medicine West Middlesex Hospital
Week 4	Infectious Diseases Chelsea and Westminster Hospital
Week 5	Infectious Diseases Chelsea and Westminster Hospital
Week 6	Infectious Diseases Chelsea and Westminster Hospital

Postings in General Practice (GP) can also be requested, at an additional cost:

£2,880 for a 3 week posting

These are guide prices for 2025/26 and may be subject to change annually. **Please note that it is not guaranteed that it will be possible to arrange a GP posting.** Payment will not be made until GP postings have been confirmed.

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Life at ICSM

During your six-week elective, you will be immersed into the **college community** and experience the culture of ICSM 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.

ICSM 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.



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Programme Requirements and Costs

Elective Fee

There is an administrative fee of £1050 for the entire elective experience in Imperial. This will be payable to Imperial by Friday 6 March 2026 to confirm your place.

General Practice Postings

General Practice postings can be requested at an additional cost: £2,880 for a 3-week posting. These are guide prices for 2025/26 and may be subject to change annually.

Please note that it is not guaranteed that it will be possible to arrange a GP posting. Payment will not be made until GP postings have been confirmed.

Visa

You may be required to enter the UK on a Short-term study visa, more information can be found in the FAQs below. Singaporean nationals do not require a visa to enter the UK for the elective programme.

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, the cost is included in your elective fee.

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. This payment will be by made by Credit/Debit card (Amex not accepted) at your appointment.

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/apply/english-language/>

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/media/imperial-college/medicine/education-collaboration/Collaborative-Partnerships-Office-Privacy-Notice-June-2018.pdf>

More information on the requirements will be included in the Information Pack, which will be sent to students in March 2026.

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Support

ICSM 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 the ICSM Leadership, Head of ICSM 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 within ICSM, 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.

The Electives team at ICSM look forward to welcoming you.

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Academic Lead for Collaborative
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FAQs

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 by the LKCMedicine Electives Team.

What is the Imperial Elective Period?

In 2026, there will be two elective programmes taking place between 10 August and 2 October 2026.

Students in Streams A and B of the LKCMedicine MBBS programme will be in Cohort 1, which takes place Monday 10 August until Friday 18 September 2026. Students in Cohort 1 will attend a compulsory Induction at Imperial on Monday 10 August and will commence placements on Tuesday 11 August.

Students in Streams C and D of the LKCMedicine MBBS programme will be in Cohort 2, which takes place Monday 24 August until Friday 2 October 2026. Students in Cohort 2 will attend a compulsory Induction at Imperial on Monday 24 August and will commence placements on Tuesday 25 August.

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. Some of the places will go to Award students with the rest made available to the rest of the cohort.

What is the application process?

Self-funded student applications are made via expressions of interest to the LKCMedicine Elective team. Award students will be notified by email.

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 confirming your place.

Is there an Elective administrative fee?

Yes, you will be required to pay an administrative fee of £1050 for the entire elective experience in Imperial. Students who choose to go GP postings will be charged an additional £2,880 for a 3-week posting (please note GP postings are not guaranteed). The elective fee will be refunded if the programme is cancelled by Imperial.

Is there any administrative paperwork that I must complete for the Imperial Elective?

Closer to your Elective postings, we will contact you with further details of administrative paperwork required, which includes the specialty choice form, clinical clearance form, English language requirements, Visa application and Police Certificate of Clearance.

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 six 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 an impact on the other students' programmes and will affect the overall schedule.

Would it be possible for me to do a General Practice (GP) posting at Imperial?

Yes, but a GP posting is not guaranteed. The GP posting would be self-funded and will cost £2,880 for three weeks. Payment will not be made until GP postings have been confirmed.

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 March, as we require a recent clearance. Please be aware that it will take time to obtain the COC. Please see for information:

<https://eservices1.police.gov.sg/phub/eservices/landingpage/apply-pay-for-coc>

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 the first day of the programme at the Imperial South Kensington Campus in London. For Cohort 1 (Streams A and B), the Induction Day will take place on Monday 10 August 2026. For Cohort 2 (Streams C and D), the Induction Day will take place on Monday 24 August 2026.

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.

Do I need a visa to enter the United Kingdom (UK)?

You may be required to enter the UK on a Short-term study visa. Further advice on the visa requirements will be sent to students in April. More information on the Short-term study visa can be found here:

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/students/international-students/visas-and-immigration/coming-to-the-uk-as-a-visitor/>

As a non-visa national, Singaporeans do not require a visa to enter the UK for the elective programme.

Please note that visa requirements are subject to change and reflect the immigration guidelines to enter the UK.