DIRECTIONS & INFORMATION

FOR PROSPECTIVE FOREIGN/ VISITING STUDENTS

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS) accepts visiting students into the Elective Program based upon several criteria one of which is availability. Electives in various departments are offered by the Medical School Faculty at the following locations:

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- Mount Sinai Beth Israel Medical Center
- Mount Sinai Beth Israel Brooklyn
- Bronx V.A. Medical Center
- Elmhurst Hospital Center
- The Mount Sinai Hospital
- New York Eye & Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai
- Mount Sinai Roosevelt Hospital
- Mount Sinai St. Luke’s Hospital

The hospitals listed above are the only institutions in which foreign students are allowed to complete electives, if approved.

Inquiries regarding specific electives offered at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and its affiliates should be made directly to the Foreign/Visiting Student Coordinator, Jeanneth Persaud, in the office of the Registrar, 100th Street and Madison Avenue, Annenberg Building, 13th Floor, Room 13-30. Students who do not meet all the criteria will not be accepted. All applications are subject to approval by the Dean of Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

VISA: If you are accepted to complete an elective at The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, please note you must obtain a B-1 Short Term Visa to participate in the program. Although institutions in the United States may allow you to participate under a different visa status, you must obtain an B-1 visa to participate in electives at ISMMS. There are no exceptions.

The following documents must be sent to the Foreign/Visiting Student Coordinator before your application can be considered for placement:

- COMPLETED APPLICATION: Applications must be submitted 8 - 9 months in advance. Applications must be completed in entirety with the Dean’s or Registrar’s signature from your school and a school seal. Be sure your email address is clearly written and legible on your application. Core clerkship must be entered in the space provided on the application, or the application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed. Core clerkships are clinicals that every student must complete at their home university before they can graduate.

- NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE: This $1,000.00 (US) fee must be paid in the form of Traveler’s Check, Cashier’s Check, International Money Order or Bank Draft drawn under a bank in the United States of America. No other source of payment will be accepted. We are not set up for a wire transfer. Absolutely no personal checks will be accepted. This application fee must accompany your application with all the required documents on the checklist or your application will not be processed. This fee does not guarantee you an elective and it is non-refundable.
ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI MEDICAL STATUS FORM: The Medical Status Form must be completed by a medical provider or student health service. A copy of all applicable lab reports must accompany your application. If your Tuberculosis skin test (PPD) is positive, you must submit a chest x-ray taken within one year prior to the start of your expected elective period. All results must be in English, if you are from a non-English-speaking country, then you must have it officially translated in English.

SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT: Official School Transcript, in English, listing all courses you have completed in your medical school must be on the school’s letter head with the school’s seal and signature of a school official. This must be officially translated in English if you are from a non-English-speaking country.

GOOD STANDING LETTER: Letter of Good Standing from the Dean’s Office of your medical school.

SCORES OF EXAMINATION: A required passing score on USMLE-Step 1 as administered by the NBME. If the applicant has not taken this examination, a letter must be submitted from the Dean of the applicant’s medical school stating that the student has passed basic science examinations similar to the USMLE-Step 1, thereby requesting that this requirement be waived.

TOEFL TEST: This test is required by all students from a non-English-speaking country. You must receive a score of 22-30 in each category in order to qualify for our program.

CURRICULUM VITAE (CV): Must accompany your application.

APPLICATIONS: Please note, we do not acknowledge receipts of applications.

ACCEPTANCE/DENIAL: An acceptance or rejection letter will be sent to the student via email about 10 - 12 weeks before the requested start date, providing that your application arrived 8 – 9 months in advance. Note: The original dates requested may change if the department has a specific elective block or if the date originally requested is not available. If the student is accepted, he/she must confirm acceptance via email.

MANDATORY STUDENT HEALTH FEE OF $50.00 (US): This fee is payable on the first day of your elective by either credit card or check. This fee allows access to our Student Health facilities for minor illnesses. Please note, this does not replace comprehensive health insurance.

TUITION: Students enrolled in the Foreign Medical Schools program will be charged tuition of $2,000.00 (US) per month on a pro-rate basis (maximum of 3 months), which must be payable in full on the first day of the elective.
REGISTRATION: On the first day of the elective, the student must report to the Office of the Registrar, located at 100th Street and Madison Avenue, Annenberg Building, 13th Floor, Room 13-30 in order to be officially registered. The student must present the following:

- Letter of Eligibility from New York State Department of Education
- Infectious Control Certificate of Completion

CANCELLATION: Final confirmation of acceptance into an elective is binding unless unforeseen circumstances make participation impossible for the candidate. In this case, the candidate must notify the Foreign/Visiting Student Coordinator immediately.

DRESS CODE: Professional wear and comfortable shoes are recommended. No jeans or sneakers. Slacks, skirts, dresses and loafers are acceptable.

LCME REQUIREMENT: Please familiarize yourself with the ISMMS policy addressing student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards by visiting our website, http://students.mssm.edu/infection/.