

## ELECTIVES FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

### ***About the Elective Programme***

Thank you for your interest in spending your elective period with us at the Faculty of Medicine (FOM), University Malaya (UM), MALAYSIA. The Elective Programme consists of a clinical placement with the posting/s of your choice. You will be given an observer status where you will experience (alongside our own students) the everyday management of patients under our care.

You will be given the opportunity to join the teaching and learning activities of our MBBS programme during the period of your elective. You may be expected to attend lectures and tutorials as well. A supervisor will be appointed to you to evaluate your performance during your elective placement and to ensure your general well-being.

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### ***Clinical Elective Postings***

Available clinical postings for your elective are Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Oncology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Otorhinolaryngology, Paediatrics, Pathology, Primary Care, Psychological Medicine, Surgery and Trauma & Emergency.

Certain clinical postings are only available for selected period of time.

### ***Research Elective Postings***

These include translational, fundamental or epidemiological research. You may undergo your research elective posting with the departments of Anatomy, Medical Microbiology, Molecular Medicine, Parasitology, Pharmacology, Physiology or Social & Preventive Medicine.

### ***Duration***

The duration allowed for an elective placement is as follows:

- 1). 2-4 weeks (one clinical posting only)
- 2). 5-8 weeks (one to two clinical postings only)

### ***Eligibility***

We encourage currently registered medical students in their clinical years (year 3 and above) to apply.

### ***Hospital Placement***

During your ***clinical elective*** period, you will be attached to University Malaya's teaching hospital named University Malaya Medical Centre (UMMC) ([www.ummc.edu.my](http://www.ummc.edu.my)). UMMC is the largest teaching hospital in Malaysia and has more than 1000 beds with more than 1 million patients cared for each year, giving you ample opportunity to observe the practice of medicine in a safe and supervised environment. UMMC is connected to FOM, creating a large complex dedicated to teaching, learning, research and health care.

If you are undergoing a ***research elective***, you will be attached to the different departments at FOM ([medicine.um.edu.my](http://medicine.um.edu.my)), depending on the topic of your research interest.

### **Transportation**

University Malaya has its own bus service that has several routes. Routes A, B and E service the areas within the UM's campus. Route C services Bangsar South/ Pantai Dalam (a nearby residential and eating area). Route D services Sections 16 and 17 (also a nearby residential area, including the International House, see below). Go to [www.hep.um.edu.my](http://www.hep.um.edu.my) to learn more.

### **Accommodations**

Accommodation during your elective placement is NOT provided. You may personally contact the nearby residential colleges (within walking distance to FOM and UMMC):

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#### **First Residential College**

(Tuanku Abdul Rahman)

University Malaya  
50603 Kuala Lumpur  
MALAYSIA

Tel: +603-79673415

Fax: +603-79566117

E-mail: [diladan@um.edu.my](mailto:diladan@um.edu.my)

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#### **Second Residential College**

(Tuanku Bahiyah)

University Malaya  
50603 Kuala Lumpur  
MALAYSIA

Tel: +603-79673416

Fax: +603-79561608

E-mail: [kolej2@um.edu.my](mailto:kolej2@um.edu.my)

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#### **Sixth Residential College**

(Ibnu Sina)

University Malaya  
50603 Kuala Lumpur  
MALAYSIA

Tel: +603-79674977/79492740

Fax: +603-79567306

E-mail: [kasmah@um.edu.my](mailto:kasmah@um.edu.my)

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#### **Tenth Residential College** (*not within walking distance, but is on one of the UM's bus service route*)

(Tun Ahmad Zaidi)

University Malaya  
50603 Kuala Lumpur  
MALAYSIA

Tel: +603-79673385

Fax: +603-76250513

E-mail: [kolej10@um.edu.my](mailto:kolej10@um.edu.my)

#### **International Student House** (*not within walking distance, but is on one of the UM's bus service route*)

Jalan 17/2, Section 17

Petaling Jaya

46400 Selangor

Tel: +603-79677702

Fax: +603-79677733

E-mail: [kaybariah@um.edu.my](mailto:kaybariah@um.edu.my)

### **Admission Process**

1. All applicants must fill the admission as a clinical or research elective student form [FPU134/2015] **and submit at least 6 months prior to the date of the elective period.** You may download the form ([here](#)).

2. Your application must be accompanied by a **confidential supporting statement** from the Dean's Office or Registrar of your medical school. Please provide the name, position and contact details of the Dean or the representative of the Dean of your medical school in your application. FOM will contact your medical school for the supporting statement. While the supporting statement is confidential, you

will need to inform your medical school regarding your application and that FOM will contact your medical school once you have submitted a complete application form.

3. You must submit a health and travel insurance applicable in Malaysia in your name **within 30 days from the date of the offer letter**. It should cover the duration of your elective period.

4. All applications and supporting documents should be submitted to:

Senior Assistant Registrar (Undergraduate Programme)

Faculty of Medicine

University of Malaya

50603 Kuala Lumpur

MALAYSIA

Tel: +603-79673796/6686/4941

Fax: +603-79568841

Email: [fomelective@ummc.edu.my](mailto:fomelective@ummc.edu.my)

5. Your application will be processed and if you are successful, an offer letter will be send to you via email. This process may take up to **8 weeks**. You may contact us at email: [fomelective@ummc.edu.my](mailto:fomelective@ummc.edu.my) for any queries.

6. While all efforts to accommodate your request would be made, FOM reserve the right to change your clinical elective posting (before or after obtaining FOM offer letter) or deny your request for an elective placement.

7. Your application will not be processed unless all documents are received.

### **Fees**

Fees (as below) are to be paid **within 30 days from the date of the offer letter**. Methods of payment will be informed in the offer letter.

	Malaysians	Non-Malaysians*
Processing and Registration Fees	RM80.00	USD40.00
Student Card	RM20.00	USD10.00
Elective Fees		
For 2 to 4 weeks	RM500.00	USD450.00
For 5 to 8 weeks	RM700.00	USD650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		
<b>For 2 to 4 weeks</b>	<b>RM600.00</b>	<b>USD500.00</b>
<b>For 5 to 8 weeks</b>	<b>RM800.00</b>	<b>USD700.00</b>

\* Fees will be converted and charged in Malaysian Ringgit (RM)

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

1). Do I require a visiting visa to enter Malaysia?

Please go to <https://isc.um.edu.my> for further information.

2). If I am not a medical student, can I still apply for an elective placement?

The [Electives for Medical Students](#) is only open to current registered medical students in their clinical years (Year 3 and above). For other clinical/research/industrial attachments, please go to our website for further details.

3). Can I be exempted from paying the elective fees?

If you are a student from universities with a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UM, please contact us for further details.

4). Would I be able change my elective placement once I have received an offer from FOM?

FOM will not entertain any changes to an application that had already been processed.

5). I have started my elective placement but for some reason am unable to continue. Would I be able to get a refund?

FOM will not refund any part of the sums paid for the elective placement.

6). I have started my elective placement in one clinical posting but would prefer to do a different elective placement in another clinical posting. Would I be allowed to do that?

FOM will not entertain any changes to an elective placement that had already started.

7). What languages are spoken in Malaysia?

English is the medium of instruction for FOM's medical programme and is used during all teaching and learning sessions. However, Malaysian patients are a mixture of different races and may speak English, Bahasa Malaysia (the National Language), Mandarin (and many different Chinese dialects), Tamil and Hindi.

8). What is the minimum and maximum duration of the elective period?

The minimum duration is 2 weeks and the maximum duration is 8 weeks.

9). What if I fall sick during my electives?

You need to submit a health and travel insurance that is applicable in Malaysia in your name that covers the duration of your elective.

### **Contact Us**

You can contact us at:

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