

### AWAY ELECTIVES

An away elective, be it clinical or research-based, is a rotation at an institution that is not affiliated with the University of Connecticut School of Medicine (UConn SOM), where the resident/fellow is not directly supervised and evaluated by a UConn SOM faculty member. The Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office designee will determine the merits of the request for an away elective and be responsible for approval (when necessary) of resident/fellow participation.

#### **Away electives with prior approval NOT required**

If a resident/fellow is participating in an away elective to fulfill an ACGME program requirement that cannot be accomplished at UConn, specific approval by the GME Office is not required. However, residents/fellows will still complete and submit all appropriate away elective paperwork to the GME Office.

#### **Away electives with prior approval required**

Residents/fellows may apply for approval for away electives for clinical or research experiences.

Program Director approval for such away electives will be obtained by the resident/fellow prior to the resident/fellow applying for approval from the GME Office.

An Away Elective Form will be completed and is available on the GME website: [Away Elective Application](#) Essential components of the necessary paperwork include:

- Educational rationale for requesting an away elective
- Program Director's support for this experience
- Evaluation tool used to evaluate the resident/fellow's experience
- Program's effort to identify funding support for this experience
- ECFMG's offsite rotation notification form (if applicable)

Away electives outside of the United States are typically approved when the experience is done in conjunction with a School of Medicine faculty member, or at a site with a pre-established relationship between the School of Medicine or a faculty member. Other international electives will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis with a focus on resident safety, the educational experience based on rotational goals and objectives, availability of appropriate supervision, and an appropriate evaluation tool for the experience.

A resident/fellow who is not in good standing in their training program may not participate in an away elective. A resident applying for an away elective should not make any travel arrangements until they receive approval from the GME Office.

Expenses incurred for required vaccinations and appropriate travel medications related to an approved international away elective will be covered if incurred at the UConn Health travel clinic. The resident/fellow may be liable for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred elsewhere.

Typically, a resident/fellow is allowed 1 away elective experience for each residency and/or fellowship program they participate in.

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