

AWAY ROTATIONS & INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVES

An away rotation, 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 will determine the merits of the request for an away rotation and be responsible for approval (when necessary) of resident/fellow participation.

A resident/fellow who is not in good standing in their training program may not participate in an away rotation or an international elective.

A resident/fellow applying for an away rotation or international elective should not make any travel arrangements until they receive approval from the GME Office.

☐ Away rotations to fulfill ACGME program requirements

If a resident/fellow is participating in an away rotation to fulfill an ACGME program requirement that cannot be accomplished at UConn including its affiliated sites, residents/fellows will still complete and submit the Away Rotation Application and all required away rotation paperwork to the GME Office. (see below)

☐ Away rotations with prior approval required

Residents/fellows may apply for approval for away rotations for clinical or research experiences. Approval for away rotations will be made on a case-by-case basis by the GME Office.

Program Director approval for such away rotations will be obtained by the resident/fellow prior to the resident/fellow applying for approval from the GME Office. *Requests must be submitted to the GME Office at least six weeks in advance of the requested start date.*

An [Away Rotation Application Form](#) will be completed and is available on the GME website.

Essential components of the request include:

- Full description of the rotation including goals/objectives, trainee responsibilities, details regarding trainee supervision, an appropriate evaluation tool that will be completed and returned to the program upon completion of the rotation
- Resident/Fellow statement of their educational goals for participating in the rotation
- Program Director's statement of support for the resident/fellow that confirms the educational goals of the rotation. *If the rotation is not necessary to meet an ACGME program requirement or if a similar rotation is available at UConn or an affiliated site, the program director must clearly state the rationale for the experience.*
- Resident/fellow and/or program's effort to identify funding support for the rotation
- ECFMG's Required Notification of Off-Site Rotation/Elective form (if applicable)

☐ International electives with prior approval required

International electives outside of the United States are typically approved when the experience is 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 in consultation with GME global health faculty. Consideration will be given to resident safety as well as the educational experience based on rotational goals and objectives, availability of appropriate supervision, and an appropriate evaluation tool for the experience.

Expenses incurred for required vaccinations and appropriate travel medications related to an approved international 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 international elective experience for each residency and/or fellowship program they participate in.

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