

BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV
MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH
IN COLLABORATION WITH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

**Overview of International Clerkship Opportunities for Fourth Year Medical Students
from the College of Physicians and Surgeons**

Mid-January or February 1st, 2010 through March, 2010

The Clerkship in International Health and Medicine is a structured two-month program that takes place in a lesser developed region of the world during the fourth year of the Ben-Gurion University Medical School for International Health (BGU-MSIH) in collaboration with Columbia University Medical Center. As part of Ben-Gurion University Medical School's collaboration with Columbia University, fourth year medical students from the College of Physicians and Surgeons may apply for six to eight week placements in these clerkships where they are placed with fourth year students from the BGU-CU MSIH.

For the International Health and Medicine elective cycle beginning in February, 2010, the MSIH will provide travel grants of \$2,500 each for six students from the College of Physicians and Surgeons to participate in MSIH clerkships in its India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Israel (Negev) sites. Travel grants are intended to provide funds for travel support, but may not cover all costs associated with the clerkship. Depending on the clerkship site and student housing choices, students should be prepared to cover additional costs. Based on expected availability of housing accommodations for 2010, P & S students may apply for the following openings:

Sri Lanka – Faculty of Medicine, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Saliyapura, Anuradhapura. Openings for two P & S students (male or female).

India – Mahatma Ghandi Medical College, Sevgram. Openings for one P & S student (male or female).

Nepal – Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Katmandu. Openings for two P & S students (male or female).

Israel – Openings for two P & S students (either gender, but must be placed at the

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same time) at the Bedouin & Ethiopian Family Medicine Clinics of Revuvim and Mashe Sade. This is a six week clerkship comprised of four weeks at Kibbutz clinics in southern Israel between January 1st and March 31st, followed by two weeks at a general community hospital in Eilat.

Students from the College of Physicians and Surgeons should plan for the following costs, which are subject to change based on local conditions and exchange rate fluctuations:

Program Costs

Site Fee: **Sri Lanka** - Faculty of Medicine, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Saliyapura, Anuradhapura - Up to \$500.
India - Mahatma Ghandi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram, India (The area provides only vegetarian food.) - Up to \$500.
Nepal - Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Katmandu – Up to \$500.
Southern Israel - Kibbutz & Eilat Rotations - Up to \$500.

A deposit of \$150 is due by December 1st, 2008 to confirm your participation. The balance of tuition is due by January 1st, 2009.

Housing & Meals: \$20 per day (high estimate) for India. (Students should note that only vegetarian cuisine will be available.)

\$20 per day for Sri Lanka.

\$20 per day for Nepal.

\$400 to \$550 per month rotation in Israel includes meals and Kibbutz housing. There may be additional housing costs for Eilat.

Health Insurance: Students must present proof of health insurance coverage prior to

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departure and must maintain health insurance for the duration of the clerkship.

- Evacuation Insurance: Proof of insurance is required. (Columbia University provides evacuation insurance for all its students free of charge; students must present and carry with them proof of this coverage.)
- Required Immunizations: A list of required immunizations will be provided upon confirmation of enrollment.
- Round Trip Airfare Variable cost.
- Student Visa \$60 - \$90 varies by site. **Students are responsible for initiating their applications for student visas at least one month prior to departure.**
- Required Scholarly Project: Manuals and contact information for MSIH student groups and group leaders will be available in August. Scholarly projects and/or a field exercise will be required of all participants. Students should be prepared to start planning and reading for their scholarly project and communicating with their MSIH student counterparts in November.
- Pre-Departure Orientation: Students are strongly recommended to attend a three and a half day orientation for these clerkships that will be held at Ben-Gurion University in Beer Sheva, Israel from January 17th – 20th, 2010. Those who are unable to travel to Israel for the orientation

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are required to participate in a ten-hour web-based orientation program and one in-person pre-departure meeting at Columbia University Medical Center.

Application Process

Applications are available through the BGU-CU MSIH Office located on PH East 1512, P & S Office of Student Affairs, or by email request to BGCU-MD@Columbia.edu. Applications, along with a letter of good standing are due by September 15th, 2009 at the address below. Applicants for the international clerkships will be interviewed at Columbia University in September and October, 2009 and participation is subject to approval by the BGU-CU MSIH.

Elective assignments will be confirmed by MSIH at CUMC in November 2009. Students should confirm their acceptance of the clerkship by December 1st, 2009 with a \$150 deposit payable by check in U.S. dollars to Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. The remaining balance of the tuition fee is due by January 1st, 2010 payable to Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. A required online pre-departure orientation session and a pre-departure meeting will be held at CUMC for P & S students. Participants will receive a manual for the clerkship site and a list of required immunizations, as well as recommended medications to bring with them.

Students will meet the Ben-Gurion University Medical Student groups on the dates indicated on clerkship itineraries and are expected to participate in all scheduled classes, rounds, and field experiences. To obtain credit for the elective, students must fulfill all clerkship requirements, including a scholarly project and/or field exercise. These international clerkships will be considered a “home elective” for P&S students.

Clerkship Description

Goals: The goal of the Clerkship is to enable the student to experience the practice of medicine in a cultural environment other than his/her own and to apply theoretical

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knowledge to different cultures and ethnic groups, while working under varied conditions effected by the economics, traditions, religious beliefs, limited resources and geography of the site. Through participation in the clerkship, the student will know how to promote community health and provide the best possible primary medical care with limited resources. All students will conduct a community health research project and submit written reports. Participants are expected to outline a plan for a project at the clerkship site before departure that will be reviewed by BGU-CU MSIH faculty at CUMC.

The International Health and Medicine Clerkship is affiliated with the following medical schools:

- Mahatma Ghandi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sevagram, India
- Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Katmandu, Nepal
- Faculty of Medicine, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Saliyapura, Anuradhapura.
- Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Medical School for International Health, Beer Sheva, Israel.

The MSIH clerkships in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka, under the supervision of an academic coordinator from the host university, consists of a six to eight week period with a small group of BGU-CU MSIH students and local medical students at a University teaching hospital and/or a community health center at an overseas site. P & S students will work with local medical students and MSIH students under the supervision of local staff.

The clerkship in Israel consists of a four to six week clerkship with another P & S student that takes place in the Negev desert region. Students will live on a Kibbutz and work with Bedouins, Ethiopian immigrants as well as Sudanese refugees. This family practice elective covers all ages and includes Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN and Geriatrics. Doctors occasionally visit patients by horseback in their homes. The work week runs from Sunday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons will be spent at Soroka Medical Center, participating in modules on international health and medicine offered by the MSIH.

Send completed applications to:

Krystyna Cukrowski

Office of Student Affairs, P& S 3-401, New York, New York 10032

Phone: (212) 305-3806 Fax :(212) Email: kc17@columbia.edu.

APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR

630 West 168th Street, PH 15E-1512
New York, NY 10032

Phone: (212) 305-9587/ Fax: (212) 305-3079

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INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CLERKSHIPS FOR VISITING P & S STUDENTS

Fourth year students matriculated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons are welcome to apply for international elective clerkships at sites affiliated with the BGU-CU Medical School for International Health. **Students should not contact the affiliated sites on their own. All inquiries MUST go through the BGU-CU Program Office.** General Information about international elective sites affiliated with the BGU-CU Medical School for International Health are described on our website at <http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/dept/bgcu-md/cur-ihm.html>

Please read the following requirements carefully.

- Attached forms need to be completed.
- **Time permitted:** Two months is the optimal time for an international health clerkship, but a six week rotation is permitted. All clerkships begin as indicated on the clerkship descriptions. Assignments of visiting P & S students will be confirmed in the early Fall.
- **Credit:** Students will receive academic credit from P&S for these clerkships. They will count as P&S “home electives”. The visiting student should provide the BGU-CU M.D. Program’s site preceptor with a P&S 4th year elective evaluation form at the completion of the elective.
- **Health:** Visiting students must have proof of health, liability, and malpractice insurance. The Student Health Service of the home institution must complete the attached immunization record. Students must provide proof of positive MMR titers taken within the last 5 years. All students need to also satisfy the immunization requirements for the host country.
- **Housing:** Single and shared rooms in medical student and guest housing are available at each international site. Accommodations usually include a corridor bath and shower facilities.
- **Application process:** Students must be in good academic standing. Available clerkships are assigned on a rolling basis. Applications will not be processed until all required forms are received. Application must include: BGU-CU Medical School for International Health Program clerkship application form (attached), Dean’s Certification form (attached), Immunization Record (attached).

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APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ELECTIVE CLERKSHIPS FOR VISITING P & S STUDENTS

SECTION 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT		
NAME (PRINT)	SOCIAL SECURITY #	MEDICAL SCHOOL
ADDRESS		ADDRESS
STREET		STREET
CITY	STATE	ZIP
CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE #	GRADUATION DATE	PHONE # DEAN'S OFFICE
()		()
E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
ELECTIVE REQUESTED (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE)		NUMBER OF ELECTIVES REQUESTED
COURSE LOCATION		1
1.		
2.		
3.		

International and Other Related Experience

Have you been to an underdeveloped country before?

Where? _____ For how long? _____

For what purpose? _____

Other international and related experience

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:

Please list the languages you speak and your proficiency level: _____

HIGH: You can communicate effectively in most social and work situations.

MODERATE: You can communicate comfortably in familiar social and work situations.

BASIC: You can communicate in predictable contexts and on familiar topics, but with some difficulty.

ON AN ATTACHED SHEET, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CAREER GOALS AND WHAT YOU WISH TO GAIN FROM THIS EXPERIENCE.

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SECTION 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

- THE ABOVE NAMED STUDENT IS IN GOOD STANDING AT THIS INSTITUTION. THE STUDENT IS PRESENTLY IN HER/HIS _____ YEAR OF A _____ YEAR PROGRAM STUDYING FOR THE M.D. DEGREE.
- THIS STUDENT **WILL** PAY TUITION DURING THIS ELECTIVE PERIOD.
- THIS STUDENT **IS** COVERED BY LIABILITY, MALPRACTICE AND PERSONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.
- THIS STUDENT **HAS** COMPLETED THE REQUIRED COURSE IN UNIVERSAL PROCEDURES (OSHA) WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE START OF THIS ELECTIVE.
- THIS STUDENT **WILL/WILL NOT** BE TAKING THIS ELECTIVE FOR CREDIT.
- AN EVALUATION **WILL/WILL NOT** BE REQUIRED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS ELECTIVE.

SCHOOL SEAL

SIGNATURE: _____
NAME: _____
TITLE: _____
DATE: _____

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VISITING P & S STUDENT DEAN'S CERTIFICATION FORM

STUDENT: _____ YEAR: _____

REQUESTED ELECTIVE LOCATION: _____

HOME MEDICAL SCHOOL: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

1. **Health Assessment**

_____ Immunization Record attached

2. **Compliance with OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Regulation**

_____ Educational Session attended

_____ HBV Vaccine Immunization or declination verified

3. **Health Insurance**

_____ Coverage provided by: _____

4. **Liability Insurance**

_____ Coverage provided by: _____

5. **Privileges credentialed by home school**

(approved for performance under general supervision)

_____ Venipuncture

_____ Starting IV fluids

All other procedures by medical students will be performed under direct visual supervision of a credentialed member of the hospital medical staff.

6. **Recommendation by Dean**

_____ I certify that this student is in good standing at _____
and has been approved for this elective.

Signature
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Date

Medical School Seal

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VISITING P & S STUDENT IMMUNIZATION RECORD

Name: _____ Medical School: _____
 Address: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO PATIENT CONTACT.

TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST

PPD _____	Date _____	NR _____	Results _____
Tine _____	Date _____	NR _____	Results _____
Mantoux _____	Date _____	NR _____	Results _____
Vaccine (BCG) _____	Date _____	NR _____	Results _____

CHEST X-RAY IF POSITIVE TB OR BCG Date _____ NR _____ Results _____

RUBELLA

Illness _____	Yes ___ No ___	NR _____	Date _____
Vaccination _____	Yes ___ No ___	NR _____	Date _____
*Titer _____	Results _____		Date _____

MUMPS

Illness _____	Yes ___ No ___	NR _____	Date _____
Vaccination _____	Yes ___ No ___	NR _____	Date _____
*Titer _____	Results _____		Date _____

HEPATITIS

B Antibody _____	Date _____	NR _____	Results _____
B Vaccine _____	Yes ___ No ___	NR _____	Date _____
B Antibody _____	Date _____	NR _____	Results _____

DIPHTHERIA/TETANUS

Booster _____ Yes ___ No ___ NR _____ Date _____

VARICELLA

Illness _____ Yes ___ No ___ NR _____ Date _____

POLIO

Subq (Salk) _____	Yes ___ No ___	NR _____	Date _____
Oral (Sabin) _____	Yes ___ No ___	NR _____	Date _____
Booster _____	Yes ___ No ___	NR _____	Date _____

RUBEOLA

Illness _____	Yes ___ No ___	NR _____	Date _____
Vaccination _____	Yes ___ No ___	NR _____	Date _____
*Titer _____	Results _____		Date _____

NR = No Record

*Must be **positive** within the last five years.

 Signature Date
 School Health Service Official

 Signature Date
 Visiting Student

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Clerkship in International Health and Medicine in Israel
Six weeks between mid January - April, 2010

Soroka University Medical Center, Beer Sheva, the Negev
Ben-Gurion University - Faculty of Health Sciences
Kibbutz near the unrecognized Bedouin village of Bir Hadadg

Program Fee: Up to \$500. Students pay for housing and food on the Kibbutz (\$400-550/month) and airfare to Israel.

Goals of the clerkship:

1. The student will know how to practice medicine in a community whose culture is different from his/her own.
2. The student will know how to promote community health and provide the best possible primary medical care with limited resources.
3. The student will conduct a community health research project and submit a written report.

Description of the Clerkship in International Health and Medicine in Israel

The Clerkship is a two to two-month structured program in Israel that takes place under the supervision of local academic advisors in coordination with Ben-Gurion University faculty advisors. The Clerkship in Israel presents medical students with opportunities to study aspects of cultural diversity within a developed country and includes a required one-week orientation in bio-statistics and cross-cultural factors in Beer Sheva.

IHM Clerkship in Israel consists of:

1. Clinical rotation at a community health center and local health facilities under the super-vision of an academic coordinator in the community.
2. Culturally related activities with local communities.
3. Academic activities with Ben-Gurion University advisors.
4. Supervised scholarly project dealing with health-related issues of the community at that site.

Sites

Rural Health elective in the Negev region of Israel, working with Bedouin, Ethiopian immigrants, and Sudanese refugees

Students will attend community primary care health clinics and family health centers in Bedouin Arab communities in the Negev desert in southern Israel. In addition, students will accompany health providers on home visits and community instruction and related services at Soroka University Medical Center in Beer Sheva. Students will conduct scholarly projects on a community health topic related to the Bedouin population of the Negev.

Applications are due September 15th, 2009 for 2010 electives at these sites. For application information contact:

Pamela Cooper,
Administrative Director, BGU-CU Medical School for International Health
Phone: (212-305-9587). Email: pc203@columbia.edu

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