

# International Medical Electives Exchange Program

## Academic Year 2026-2027

The Gray School of Medicine invites motivated students in their clinical year(s) to consider an elective abroad. We encourage applicants who will use the elective to observe diverse care approaches, acquire practical skills, and bring back ideas to strengthen patient care in Israel. **Note: acceptance to the general program (nomination) is required before placement at any partner institution.**

### ELIGIBILITY:

- **Students in their clinical year(s)** of the Four Year or Six Year MD programs **who are in good academic and professional standing.** *Please note: some host institutions may require you to be a final year student.*
- **Clerkships required:** You must have passed the **Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Surgery, and Psychiatry** core clerkships **before the host's application deadline.**

### TAU SCHEDULED ELECTIVE BLOCKS AY 2026-27

| Program   | Year   | Start Date  | End Date    |
|-----------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| Four-year | Year 4 | 30 May 2027 | 22 Jul 2027 |
| Six-year  | Year 5 | 30 May 2027 | 22 Jul 2027 |
| Six-year  | Year 6 | 6 Dec 2026  | 25 Feb 2027 |

**Important:** chosen elective dates must not conflict with required courses and academic responsibilities.

### APPLICATION

#### Required Materials:

**CV, Official Academic Transcript, Statement of Interest, and Letter of Good Standing.**

**Letters of Recommendation:** Must be sent directly by your referees using this form

**Official English Proficiency\*:** Valid TOEFL or IELTS score reports can be uploaded with the application if available. \*Not required to submit the general application but required by some host institutions.

### LOGISTICS, COSTS & SELECTION POLICY

**Length & Spots\*:** Most blocks are 4 weeks. \*Spots are limited; application does not guarantee placement or preference.

**Costs & Funding:** Students cover airfare, housing, living expenses, and health- and malpractice insurance. *All costs associated with the elective are the sole responsibility of the participating student;* the University does not provide any direct funding for the elective. Scholarships for academic excellence of up to \$2,500 may be available, subject to availability and TAU rules.

**Compliance & Selection:** Based on academic record, motivation, and experience. You must meet all host and TAU requirements and deadlines to secure placement.

#### Statement of Interest – Motivation, Goals, and Experience (Up to 1000 words):

\*Questions to consider. Use specific examples when possible.

1. Why do you want to do a medical elective abroad, and what do you hope to achieve?
2. How does this elective fit your overall career goals in medicine?
3. What healthcare-related volunteer or extracurricular activities have you done? Please describe.
4. Give an example of effective teamwork (situation, your role, outcome).
5. How do you respond to constructive feedback or criticism? What changed after the feedback?
6. Describe a challenging situation in your studies/clinical training and how you overcame it.
7. How do you decide what to do when asked to do tasks beyond your current expertise?
8. How will you adapt to a new culture and communication style in clinical settings?
9. If elective timing/schedule/department changes during the application process, how will you respond?
10. Describe a time you had to adjust expectations due to rules, policies, or limited resources.
11. How will you contribute to the team and support patient care safely and respectfully?
12. What is your greatest strength in a clinical setting, and how do you use it?
13. How do you reflect on experiences to support continuous learning and improvement?

### Questions & Information:

- General Program Inquires: **Tamar Winer**
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### CONFIRMED PARTNER INSTITUTIONS\*additional partner institutions are continually being added

Placements will be available at the following institutions:

- Brown University (Providence, RI; USA)<sup>\*new</sup>
- McMaster University (Hamilton, Ontario; Canada)
- Medical University of Graz (Graz, Austria; EU)
- Northwestern University (Chicago, IL; USA)<sup>\*new</sup>
- University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA; USA)

### Summary Table\*Be sure you read the full eligibility rules and requirements of each institution!

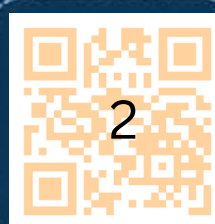
| Program                           | Eligibility Req.                                                                                                                                                                                     | Block Dates                                                                                                                                                              | Host Deadline                                                                         |
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| <b>Brown University</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visa required (non US citizens)</li> <li>• Must be fluent in English</li> </ul>                                                                             | <b>Nov.</b> Oct.26 - Nov. 20<br><b>Dec.</b> Nov. 23 - Dec. 18<br><b>Feb.</b> Feb. 01 - 26, 2027<br><b>Mar.</b> Mar. 01 - 26, 2027<br><b>Apr.</b> Mar. 29 - Apr. 23, 2027 | At least 4 months before elective dates of interest. 6-months prior is preferred      |
| <b>McMaster University</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final year students</li> <li>• Must have completed at least one year of in-hospital clinical training</li> <li>• Must proficient in English</li> </ul>      | <b>To Be Announced</b><br><b>Blackout dates*:</b> Electives not available June, July, August and December                                                                | At least 4 months before elective dates of interest                                   |
| <b>Medical University of Graz</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final year students</li> <li>• Must have completed at least one year of in-hospital clinical training</li> <li>• Some specialties require German</li> </ul> | <b>Available All Year</b><br>4-8 week rotations                                                                                                                          | At least 7 months before elective dates of interest                                   |
| <b>Northwestern University</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final year students</li> <li>• Must have completed at least one year of in-hospital clinical training</li> <li>• Must be fluent in English</li> </ul>       | <b>Block 22:</b> Feb. 01, 2027 - Feb. 26, 2027<br><b>Block 23-</b> Mar. 01, 2027 - Mar. 26, 2027<br><b>Block 24-</b> Mar. 29, 2027 - Apr. 23, 2027                       | Block 22: November 9, 2026<br>Block 23: December 7, 2026<br>Block 24: January 4, 2027 |
| <b>University of Pennsylvania</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final year students</li> <li>• Must be fluent in English</li> </ul>                                                                                         | <b>Mar.</b> March 1-26 2027<br><b>Apr.</b> Mar. 29 - Apr 23, 2027<br><b>Jul.</b> July 6-30, 2027<br><b>Aug.</b> August 2-27, 2027                                        | Spring: November 1, 2026<br>Summer: March 1, 2027                                     |

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**Brown University** \*Full application rules and requirements will be provided to accepted nominees

### Clinical Electives

- Availability varies; electives may not satisfy home-school degree requirements.
  - Elective list is sent ~2 months before start; you rank your top choices.
  - Start/end dates are fixed; they cannot be changed.
- Do not directly contact hospital staff!

### Visa & Arrival

- All non-U.S. citizens/permanent residents need a J-1 visa.
- Do not book a visa appointment until the DS-2019 form is approved.
- Arrive the Wednesday before your Monday start date for onboarding.

### Required Documents (DS-2019 Package)

- Student verification form signed by Dean or Registrar.
- Health-insurance memo (English, proof 4 weeks before arrival).
- Bank sponsor verification form + recent bank statement.
- Passport biographical page copy.
- English-proficiency proof
  - test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) **OR**
  - video interview with a Brown CGHE staff member (info if accepted)
- Banner ID request (name must match passport).

### Additional Mandatory Items

- Brown immunization form (physician or school health office, English, with labs)
- HIPAA training
  - proof of completion.
- OSHA Healthcare training
  - online course (fee applies) + certificate.
- Universal Precautions quiz
  - completed and attached.
- COVID-19 vaccination
  - optional for admission; individual sites may require proof.

### Timeline Overview

\* estimated timeframe for reference only

| Deadline (before start)   | Action                                                                        |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ≈ 2 months                | Receive elective list & submit immunization forms                             |
| ≈ 2 months                | Confirm housing                                                               |
| ≈ 1 month                 | Final elective registration (final – no changes)                              |
| ≥ 4 months before arrival | Provide proof of English-language insurance (English, signed)                 |
| ≥ 4 weeks before arrival  | Submit official transcript (English)                                          |
| ≥ 3 months before arrival | Complete HIPAA, OSHA, Universal Precautions trainings (certificates attached) |
| ≥ 3 months before arrival | Submit passport-size color photo (JPEG)                                       |
| ≥ 4 months before arrival | Submit current CV (email visible)                                             |
| ≥ 4 months before arrival | Submit DS-2019 package (see list below)                                       |

**McMaster University** \*Full application rules and requirements will be provided to accepted nominees

Once accepted, students will contact McMaster directly to receive information regarding the customized process to apply through the AFMC portal (contact name & email provided after acceptance by the Gray School of Medicine, TAU).

These will be **4-week electives, with at least 16 weeks' lead time for applications for health and eligibility screening to occur.**

**Blackout dates: June, July, August and December**

McMaster will do their best to accommodate student's elective & location preferences, but cannot guarantee any specific rotations.

**Students are strictly prohibited from contacting departments or preceptors directly; failure to follow this policy will result in a notice of professionalism being sent to the home university.**

Students applying for a visiting elective from one of these schools must:

- be in their final year of medical school
- be taking the elective for academic credit at their home school (no observerships)
- be in Good Standing with their home university (a letter will be required)
- have a current and valid N95 Mask Fitting

**v) fully complete McMaster's Immunization and Testing Form(1)** if applying for Obstetrics, Gynecology, Emergency and all Surgical specialties Copies of lab reports for Hepatitis C and HIV serology are required. Tests must be dated after March 1st the year of medical school entry OR within 4 years of the elective start date, whichever is LATER.

**(2)** Students who have infection of blood borne viruses must SELF-REPORT their status to the McMaster Associate Dean of Undergraduate Medical Education

**vi) provide proof of Covid-19 vaccination**

**vii) demonstrate English proficiency:**

**(1) Applicants must be fluent in English** for all McMaster University elective placements. For visiting students from home schools where English is not the language of instruction or examination, applicants must be fluent in English with a computer score on the TOEFL of at least 237 or must provide a letter from their medical school indicating proficiency in English. **Students that do not meet the minimum requirements for the English Proficiency Tests will not be permitted to conduct their elective**

**viii) provide a Police Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)** or equivalent conducted within 12 months of the elective end date (1) International students (including Canadian Citizens studying abroad) are required to provide a VSC or equivalent from each country or territory they have resided for more than six months consecutively for the past 5 years (2) VSCs must be dated within 12 months of the end date of the elective. If a student's current VSC will expire before or during the elective, a new VSC must be provided at least 8 weeks prior to the elective start date which is valid until the end of the elective

ix) sign a confidentiality agreement form

x) provide a clear and recent photo of themselves

xi) provide a color copy of their passport

**xii) pay \$325 CAD for Malpractice insurance**

**xiii) pay a reduced acceptance fee of \$100 CAD**

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### Medical University of Graz\* Application handled directly through the Lowy International School

Clinical rotations at Med Uni Graz are hands-on traineeships.

Clinical rotations usually begin on a Monday (ideally the first Monday of the month) and end on a Friday.

See the [List of available departments](#)

Please note the following restrictions:

- Anesthesiology: German mandatory
- General, Visceral and Transplant Surgery: minimum duration 4 weeks
- Cardiac surgery: minimum duration 4 weeks
- Vascular surgery: German mandatory
- Gynecology: Placements are only possible during holidays (February, July to September)—maximum duration: 4 weeks.
- Internal medicine: German is generally recommended. It is mandatory in cardiology—minimum duration 4 weeks.
- Neurology: B2 level German mandatory
- Pediatrics: Placements are possible only as part of educational courses in pediatrics (Educational Course in Paediatric Medicine in February, Multidisciplinary Educational Course in Paediatric Medicine in July). Duration: 4 weeks.
- Psychiatry: B2 level German mandatory
- Emergency medicine: B2 level German mandatory

Applications will be considered **no later than 7 months** before the time period requested to participate in the clinical rotations.

Funding under the Erasmus scheme

Total Erasmus+ funding for two months is 2,060 EUR.

Students who are awarded the Erasmus scholarship will be required to complete a two-month clinical rotation in Graz. The rotations must begin on a Monday, preferably the first Monday of the month.

### Northwestern University\*Full application rules and requirements will be provided to accepted nominees

*Rotations are 4 weeks; preferences considered but spots limited.*

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Prior approval from home-school academic office for exchange rotation.
- Good academic standing; ≥1 year of in-hospital training and completed core clerkships (Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Surgery).
- Fluent in English (listening, speaking, reading, writing) – provide recent TOEFL/IELTS scores (≤2 years). \*requirements on website
- Must rotate before graduation.

#### APPLICATION PACKAGE (FULL DETAILS GIVEN TO NOMINATED STUDENTS)

- Complete Application Form
- Passport-size Photo \*Clear headshot for identification
- Official Transcript \*Attach grading-key if non-standard system is used
  - Current, dated, signed by registrar; include grades for the four core clerkships.
    - English version required; translations must have dean's signature & school seal on every page.
- Letter of Recommendation \*One general LOR from a faculty member who observed you clinically; must discuss clinical skills and be in English. **Dean's letters do not count.**
- Curriculum Vitae \*Latest version in English with a clear email address.
- Universal Precautions Training \*Complete training & quiz from the Visiting Student website; attach the completed quiz
- HIPAA Training \*Finish a basic HIPAA course (search "basic HIPAA training") and attach proof; contact the Visiting Student Programs Office if needed.
- English Proficiency \*Provide TOEFL/IELTS scores (within 2 years) meeting the minimums scores
- Immunization Form \*Complete the AAMC Standard Immunization Form (physician or school health office) – English only; attach required lab reports
- COVID-19 Vaccination \*Not required for admission, but individual clinical sites may request proof

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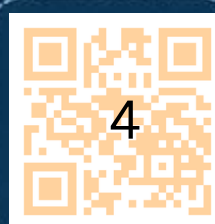
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### University of Pennsylvania \*Full application rules and requirements will be provided to accepted nominees

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#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Prior approval from home-school academic office for exchange rotation.
- Must rotate before graduation.
- Good academic standing; ≥1 year of in-hospital training and completed core clerkships (Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Surgery).
- Fluent in English (listening, speaking, reading, writing)
  - provide recent TOEFL/IELTS scores (≤2 years). \*minimum score requirements on website **OR**
  - passing score on USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills Exam

Students are responsible for the cost of their own airfare, accommodation, daily expenses (per diem) and medical insurance. There is no charge for the elective. Students may be eligible for scholarships from the Lowy International School.

Students are responsible for arranging their own accommodations, as on-campus student housing is not available, except for summer rotations. The University of Pennsylvania will provide housing resources on their website to assist students in finding suitable accommodation.

#### Application

Once a student is provisionally accepted by TAU, the candidate will be required to fill in an additional 2-part application process through UPenn \*(and will be accepted subject to their decision)



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