

# FACULTY OF MEDICINE

## POLICY ON OVERSEAS ELECTIVE STUDENTS

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Students may only apply/attend one Clinical School of the University of Sydney.

Students enrolled in overseas medical schools frequently approach the Faculty, directly or via one of the Clinical Schools or teaching hospitals, for the purpose of arranging a period of attachment and experience in one of the clinical services associated with the Faculty. For the purpose of defining what will be the rights of such elective students, it is helpful to divide these requests into two categories:

**A. SHORT-TERM ELECTIVE STUDENTS** usually spend 4 to 8 weeks in one of our facilities. Their experience is truly elective in that it does not fulfil requirements in their own course for experience in a specific discipline (though they may have preference for what area they work in).

**B. LONG-TERM ELECTIVE STUDENTS** who come for more than 8 weeks are usually doing their overseas experience as a “core” rotation in their own course, and require placement in a particular discipline or specialty. Long-term students pay “full” fees for the period of their stay at a level that is *pro rata* with the fees paid by enrolled international students.

### **For all students, the following conditions apply:**

1. Acceptance by the Clinical Schools is at the discretion of the local Associate Dean, subject to load and other local considerations.
2. Elective students are required to pay enrolment and elective fees to cover the period of their Elective once accepted. All fees, including a local application fee (where applicable) and accommodation expenses, are outlined in the Clinical School information packages.
3. The majority of the elective will be spent in ward or clinic attachments and, where possible, in association with senior local students. Elective students may attend large-group teaching sessions such as lectures but would not normally participate in small group sessions such as Problem-Based Learning tutorials, Community-Doctor or Personal & Professional Development theme sessions or Patient/Doctor tutorials. Access to teaching sessions in the Clinical Skills Centre is at the discretion of the Clinical School. Assessments are not offered to elective students.
4. The Faculty will only sign off the elective student’s University forms as having the ‘***same clinical rights and responsibilities***’
5. Internet access for the purpose of using email (via a web browser) is provided, however, a local email account and password access to the University of Sydney Medical Program website is not made available to students. Elective students may use computers in the Clinical School precinct or the Hospital Library.
5. Travel concessions are not available to elective students as per NSW Government policy. Meal and accommodation arrangements are subject to local rules and availability.

In view of misunderstandings which can arise if the above arrangements are not clearly defined before the elective commences, it is recommended that a written statement of the status and rights of each student should be provided well in advance of arrival.

**Approved by:**

*Clinical Schools Liaison Committee*

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