



*Shiraz University  
of  
Medical Sciences*

**SUMS**

International Education Program (IEP)


**MEDICAL  
ELECTIVE  
PROGRAMS (INTERNSHIP)**



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# About SUMS



Shiraz University of Medical Sciences (SUMS), founded in 1946 in Shiraz, Iran, has approximately 35,000 employees and 960 permanent faculty members along with 14 general, specialty and subspecialty teaching facilities. Academic excellence and skillful compassion are truly hallmarks of SUMS learning experience which rank it among the leading universities in Iran. Covering a vast and diverse scope of specialty and subspecialty services, SUMS is home to nearly 10,000 students, residents and fellows being trained to become future influential leaders and innovators.



## What Is a Medical Elective?

The medical elective is probably something that has been in the back of your mind since starting university and is often considered a major highlight of the medical school experience. It is a fantastic opportunity to spend around 8 weeks discovering medicine in a different environment, be it within your home town, or abroad. The elective is also an opportunity for you to distinguish yourself from your fellow students and increase your chances of getting a competitive job.

Choosing and planning the right elective for students can, therefore, be an exciting, yet daunting task. With so many elements to think about, it is difficult to know where to begin!





There are a number of choices to make with regards to electives: what to do and where to go. Some decide on the destination first and then think about what they want to do (specialty and whether mainly clinical or research). Others prefer to focus on the specialty/research interest first. You should make this decision based on what is most important to you and what type of experience you want to get out of your elective.





Shiraz University of Medical Sciences (SUMS) offers a multitude of Medical Elective Programs to students from across the world. SUMS Medical Electives represent a unique opportunity for medical students, allowing them to experience health care in a setting unfamiliar to that in which they are accustomed to studying. It also provides the opportunity for medical students to develop their skills by observing and participating in a health care delivery system overseas.

At SUMS, medical elective placements are available in our teaching Hospitals such as Nemazee, Shahid Faghihi, and Shahid Chamran Hospitals, in which we ensure that students acquire the essential knowledge, clinical skills and attitudes to become competent and caring doctors. The following Table supplies some significant information on SUMS Medical Elective Programs:



## MEDICAL ELECTIVE PROGRAM

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Application Fee	None
Tuition Fee	625.00 USD per 4 weeks
Program Duration	4 to 12 weeks
Application Period	All year round*
Medium of Instruction	English/Persian
Admission Notification	Candidates will be notified of the results via email.
Furnished Accommodation (If Vacancies Are Available)	400.00 USD

*\*SUMS call for application to Medical Elective Programs is open all year round. However, candidates are highly recommended to apply at least 6 to 8 months prior to the commencement of the program in order to avoid late visa issues.*






## **Why Choose to Do Your Medical Elective Abroad?**



Your medical elective can be one of the most rewarding parts of your undergraduate medical education. By doing your medical elective abroad, you can enjoy a myriad of benefits as some of which are listed in the following:



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- › **BEING EXPOSED TO RARELY SEEN TECHNIQUES AND ILLNESSES**
  - › **WORKING IN AN UNCONVENTIONAL ENVIRONMENT**
  - › **DEALING WITH A HIGH NUMBER OF PATIENTS AND CASES**
  - › **DEALING WITH MORE COMPLICATED CASES**
  - › **LEARNING ALONGSIDE SKILLED PROFESSIONALS**
  - › **EXPERIENCING A WHOLE DIFFERENT CULTURE**



## List of SUMS Clinical Departments

SUMS clinical departments in which you can undertake your medical elective placements are listed below:

- DEPARTMENT OF **ANESTHESIOLOGY**
- DEPARTMENT OF **CARDIOLOGY**
- DEPARTMENT OF **COMMUNITY MEDICINE**
- DEPARTMENT OF **DERMATOLOGY**
- DEPARTMENT OF **EMERGENCY MEDICINE**
- DEPARTMENT OF **ENT**
- DEPARTMENT OF **GYNECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS**
- DEPARTMENT OF **INTERNAL MEDICINE**
- DEPARTMENT OF **NEUROLOGY**
- DEPARTMENT OF **NEUROSURGERY**

- DEPARTMENT OF **NUCLEAR MEDICINE**
- DEPARTMENT OF **OPHTHALMOLOGY**
- DEPARTMENT OF **ORTHOPEDICS**
- DEPARTMENT OF **PATHOLOGY**
- DEPARTMENT OF **PEDIATRICS**
- DEPARTMENT OF **PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND  
REHABILITATION**
- DEPARTMENT OF **PSYCHIATRY**
- DEPARTMENT OF **RADIOLOGY**
- DEPARTMENT OF **RADIO THERAPY**
- DEPARTMENT OF **SURGERY**
- DEPARTMENT OF **UROLOGY**





## Eligibility Criteria:

**In order to be eligible to apply for SUMS Medical Elective Programs, the applicant is required to satisfy the succeeding requisites prior to commencement of the application procedure:**

**The candidate must be a medical student.**

**The candidate should not be a graduate.**

**The candidate must be in their final or penultimate year of study of their medical degree, as students are expected to have done some clinical training before they can undertake an elective placement at SUMS.**

**The candidate must be a non-Iranian or Iranian student enrolled in a non-Iranian university, or be an international student studying in an Iranian university.**



## When to Apply

SUMS call for application to Medical Elective Programs is open all year round. However, candidates are highly recommended to apply at least 6 to 8 months prior to the commencement of the program in order to avoid late visa issues.

## Admission Requirements

The online application will prompt you to upload a scanned version of the following documents:

**Medical Elective Application Form (prospective applicants should fill out the Medical Elective Application Form and get it signed and stamped by the institution at which they are conducting study.)**



**Passport photograph**



**Scanned copy of data page of valid passport**



**Transcript of the records/Marksheets**



**Curriculum Vitae (CV)/Résumé**

The applicants must fulfill one of the following language proficiency requirements:



**TOEFL: a minimum score of 69 iBT; 525 PBT**



**IELTS: a minimum band score of 5.5**



**Other evidence showing that the applicant has English language proficiency at least equivalent to the above requirements**

However, the applicants who are native speakers of English or who have received their education in a university where English is the primary medium of instruction as well as those who know Persian are exempted from this requirement. It is worth noting that since candidates are exposed to a setting in which interaction between doctors and patients is in Persian, knowing the Persian language can be an advantage.





“ It’s a challenge, but a rewarding one. Expand your horizons and gain considerable expertise in medicine through a worthwhile elective placement abroad, which can be tailor-made to suit your interests and requirements. Begin your future career in the healthcare field with a new skillset and a broader knowledge of global medical issues.

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## Visa Application:

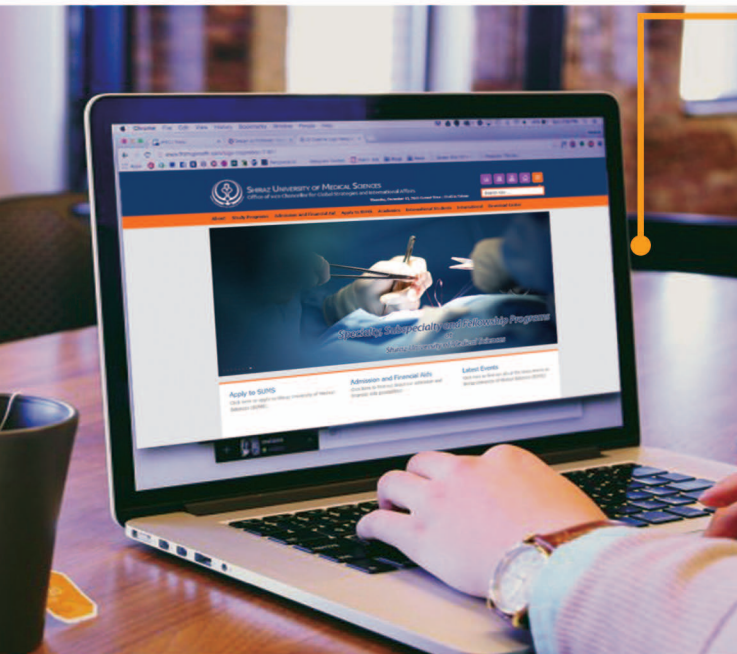
Upon receipt of your admission, you are requested to submit the following items to SUMS via e-mail so that your visa application procedure will commence:

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- **Color passport photograph (3\*4 cm or 4\*6 cm in size)**
  - **Scanned copy of data page of valid passport**
  - **Completed SUMS Visa Application Form**

Visa process may take at least between 10-12 weeks to complete. Each successful application is assigned a reference number/authorization code by the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. You will need the reference number/authorization code along with your original passport to collect your visa. Once we receive the visa reference number/authorization code, we will forward it to you via email. Then, you should schedule an appointment with the Iranian Embassy or Consulate in the country that you have already indicated on your visa application form. Carry the obtained visa reference number/authorization code together with your passport to the relevant embassy or consulate to collect your visa. For further information, see <http://www.gsia.sums.ac.ir>.

## How to Apply

- Intending applicants must submit their applications **ONLY** online at:  
<http://www.gsia.sums.ac.ir>





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