

**THIS PROGRAM IS ONLY FOR FINAL YEAR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – NOT GRADUATES**

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE PROVIDED IN **ENGLISH**  
INCLUDE THIS CHECKLIST WITH ALL ITEMS CHECKED, AND YOUR SIGNATURE, WITH YOUR APPLICATION.  
APPLICATION EMAIL: [MSRIS@medschool.pitt.edu](mailto:MSRIS@medschool.pitt.edu)

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed application form

\_\_\_\_\_ Letter of credentials from home institution. **Letter must be on letterhead and signed by your school official or your application will be returned.** This letter must include the following statements (or application will be returned):

- You are currently registered and in good standing
- Statement of your professional behavior
- You will be a final-year student at the time of the requested elective
- Your home institution will award you credit for this elective
- You have passed the examinations required in your state/country (if applicable)
- Student photo attached to the letter for verification purposes

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement of interest; 200 words or less about why you are interested in the University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine and the UPMC elective(s) in which you apply

\_\_\_\_\_ Official academic transcript in English

\_\_\_\_\_ CV in .pdf form with your student photo

\_\_\_\_\_ Unless your medical school is located in an English-speaking country, you must provide one of the following:

- Official Duolingo report with a minimum total score of 120
- Official TOEFL score report with a minimum total score of 106
- Official OET report - minimum 350 on listening, reading and speaking sub-tests; minimum 300 in writing sub-test; all in one test administration

**Scores must be within the past two years and CANNOT be password protected/encrypted. When the test was taken the platform required a password. Please copy and save your score results as a separate document w/o your password protection. If sent with a password your application will likely be denied**

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed AAMC immunization form signed by a health care provider

\_\_\_\_\_ Memo stating that, if accepted by MSRIS/UPMC, you will purchase a certificate of personal health insurance coverage, which includes well-care hospitalization while in the United States

\_\_\_\_\_ Memo stating that, if accepted by MSRIS/UPMC, you will purchase a certificate of medical student liability insurance coverage while participating in the UPMC elective: \$1M per occurrence/\$3M aggregate, USD or currency equivalent

\_\_\_\_\_ Step 2 Board scores (including all attempts; self-report is fine) if applying to Psychiatry elective. It is also suggested that you provide this with all other UPMC elective(s) as well

\_\_\_\_\_ Pennsylvania mandated background checks, dated within one year of the requested attendance dates. For instructions please refer to our website ([International Visiting Student Program | Medical Student Research and International Studies \(live-researchprograms-medschool-pitt.pantheon.io\)](https://internationalvisitingstudentprogram.medicalstudentresearchandinternationalstudies.org/live-researchprograms-medschool-pitt.pantheon.io))

- Pennsylvania State Criminal background check (completed)
- Pennsylvania State Child Abuse clearance (completed application form only)
- Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (if accepted, payment receipt will need to be provided before arrival in Pittsburgh)

You will also need to know your mask size if you are accepted for a UPMC elective. You will not be mask fitted at UPMC.

You agree, if you are accepted by MSRIS/UPMC, to register online for the Department of Human Services clearance before the start of your UPMC elective. A copy of the receipt will be sent to MSRIS, and the completed certificate result will be emailed to MSRIS when the completed certificate is received.

**Please note if any of the above required documents are not sent with your initial application your application will be considered incomplete and will be returned. Please be aware that you cannot ask the Global Health Dean or UPMC coordinator to have your schedule changed to another clinical elective after acceptance and arrival in Pittsburgh. You may only engage in the clinical elective in which you applied and were approved. No special exceptions will be made.**

I agree.

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FINAL YEAR ELECTIVE APPLICATION

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This application must be typed (not handwritten) and returned with all required documentation as stated on the attached checklist. Failure to provide all required documents upon initial application will result in application return. If approved, please be advised that no elective switches/changes or date adjustments will be made for any reason. All dates are set and special accommodations will not be made. If our dates do not line up with your school schedule than it is up to the student to work around our scheduled dates.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a US citizen: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

The clinical elective dates must adhere to the UPSOM period date calendar. Students can apply for up to two 4-weeks electives, or 8 weeks maximum. These clinical electives do not have to be consecutive or in the same department.

Please access our [Course Catalog](#) to complete the following. Search "MS-3 & MS-4" and Academic Year: 2026-2027, Course Type: Electives

First elective dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Course number: \_\_\_\_\_

Course name: \_\_\_\_\_

4 weeks \_\_\_\_ 8 weeks \_\_\_\_

Second elective dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Course number: \_\_\_\_\_

Course name: \_\_\_\_\_

4 weeks \_\_\_\_

Academic dates 26-27

4/6/26 – 5/3/26

5/4/26 – 5/31/26

6/1/26 – 6/28/26

6/29/26 – 7/26/26

8/3/26 – 8/30/26

8/31/26 – 9/27/26

9/28/26 – 10/25/26

10/26/26 – 11/22/26

11/23/26 – 12/20/26

1/4/27 – 1/31/27

Be aware that elective dates are set and will not be changed for any reason. If accepted, you the student, must work within our calendar. Special accommodations or exceptions will not be made for any reason.

If your application is accepted a pro-rated tuition payment will be required at that time. Should you be accepted and pay, then decide you will not attend the elective, please see our website for administrative fees that will be enforced. Please be aware that our program currently does not offer financial aid or scholarships.