

## Electives for medical students in 2019

Following on from the success of previous electives for COMAHS students with King's Health Partners, we are pleased to open the application process for those who are currently enrolled in the fifth year of the medical degree course. All offers made will be subject to final confirmation from the King's College elective office in the UK. Students should note that unfortunately last year all the students offered elective places were unable to obtain a UK visa. We will do our best to support students through this process but we are unable to guarantee that visa applications will be successful, as those decisions are outside of our influence.

### Application process

Application forms are available online on the KSLP website: [www.kslp.org.uk](http://www.kslp.org.uk). They can be found under the 'Get Involved' tab. Go to the section called 'Student Electives'. The deadline for submission is **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. All completed application forms must be submitted electronically to [suzanne.thomas@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:suzanne.thomas@kcl.ac.uk). The selection will be based upon the content of the completed application form. All forms will be anonymised before being scored by at least two representatives from the King's Sierra Leone Partnership (KSLP).

Once the selection has been made, successful students will need to complete an online registration process with the central electives office in London. There is a lot of documentation that needs to be sent at this stage (e.g. evidence of immunity for specified conditions, chest X-ray, transcripts from COMAHS, letter of recommendation from the Dean etc.) and it is essential that this is submitted by the deadline or else the elective place will be lost. Once registered, students will receive a formal letter of acceptance which they should use for their visa application.

### Funding

Unfortunately KSLP is not able to provide any funding for COMAHS students who undertake electives in the UK. Students must find their own funding to cover the cost of transcripts, immunisations, visas, insurance, flights, accommodation, food and transport while in the UK. However we will waive the application fee and elective fee which other students have to pay when they undertake electives with King's College London.

Estimated costs for some of these items are outlined below.

Students should carefully consider if they can afford to undertake an elective before applying.

- Documentation (transcripts, police letter, X-ray, immunisations) - £50
- Malpractice insurance (mandatory) - £50-100
- Additional blood tests / vaccinations in London - £100
- Visa – £97-186 (also note that you are required to show that you have regular incoming funds into your or your parents bank account)
- Flights – between £700 - £1000
- Accommodation & travel in London – depends on where you stay. Practically you need to have a contact to stay with i.e. family or friend

### Questions

Any further questions about this elective programme should be addressed to Suzanne Thomas (KSLP Education Lead) via email [suzanne.thomas@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:suzanne.thomas@kcl.ac.uk) or on Whatsapp +23276956816