

Electives in Freetown for UK Students Elective Information Sheet

What does an elective with King's Sierra Leone Partnership involve?

Alongside a clinical elective in either medicine or surgery (or both), students undertake activities to support the partnership. In the past this has ranged from projects around medical student satisfaction, patient safety and hand hygiene, surgical wound site infection and medical equipment inventory, in addition to more general programmatic support. Please note: there are no paediatric or obstetrics and gynaecology placements available.

What does an elective with King's Sierra Leone Partnership offer?

Unlike other elective choices, KSLP provides an opportunity for long-term engagement with your host institution/country which goes beyond your time physically spent in Sierra Leone. Through the King's Sierra Leone Student Partnership (KSLSP) we encourage upcoming and returned elective students to maintain links with the partnership. If you are a King's College London medical elective student, you are also eligible to take part in our formal elective exchange with students from the College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences (COMAHS) in Freetown.

When and how long can I go for?

The hospital has limited capacity and only two students can undertake an elective at Connaught at any one time. We accept students at various blocks throughout the year, and those blocks are held for specific applicants only,

January – March 2020	Reserved for KCL Medical Students
April – July 2020	Reserved for KCL Global Health MSc Students
August – December 2020	Can consider applications from other institutions

We aim to place students in pairs wherever possible so you have support from one another and can work on projects together. In order to adequately complete partnership support activities alongside your clinical elective, we only accept students who are able to spend a minimum of six weeks in Sierra Leone.

How do I express an interest?

If you meet our criteria and are keen to explore the opportunity of an elective at Connaught Hospital through KSLP further, please send your CV and a cover letter to info@kslp.org.uk. This letter must detail when you are free to go and length of time you are looking to spend in Sierra Leone. If successful, you will then have a short, informal interview with one of the KSLP team.