Medical School Study Abroad Protocol

The Medical School Study Abroad application process applies to participation in programs anywhere outside of the United States, including Canada and including locations in the student's home country. The application system is mandated university-wide and used for all CWRU undergraduate and graduate schools.

Required tasks are listed in this application which is designed for School of Medicine students.

**Preliminary required steps:**

**University Program:**

- Contact Una Surace ([ums1@case.edu](mailto:ums1@case.edu)) with basic program info: what, where, when.
- Meet with your Society Dean to review your plans; bring a print-out of the completed International Program Form and a copy of the acceptance letter or email from the program. Your Dean must sign your International Program Form.
- Make an appointment with Dr. Ronald Blanton, Professor of International Health, Center for Global Health and Diseases. This is a required step unless your program site is in Canada. Also, if your program is in your home country, you may email Dr. Blanton to confirm whether he needs to meet with you or not. If he agrees to waive this meeting, make sure Una Surace receives a copy of that message ([ums1@case.edu](mailto:ums1@case.edu))
  - Dr. Blanton's email: reb6@case.edu
  - Office location: BRB, 4th-floor, Room 425
  - When you go to your appointment with Dr. Blanton, bring: the completed International Program Form (signed by your Society Dean) and a copy of the acceptance letter or email from the program. Dr. Blanton will sign the International Program Form.
- You should then scan and email the signed International Program form to [studyabroad@case.edu](mailto:studyabroad@case.edu) and cc Una Surace at [ums1@case.edu](mailto:ums1@case.edu).

**College Program:**

- Contact Darlene Gray ([grayd4@ccf.org](mailto:grayd4@ccf.org)) with basic program info: what, where, when.
- Meet with Dr. Kathy Franco to review your plans; bring a print-out of the completed International Program Form and a copy of the acceptance letter or email from the program. Dr. Franco must sign your International Program Form.
- Make an appointment with Dr. Ronald Blanton, Professor of International Health, Center for Global Health and Diseases. This is a required step unless your program site is in Canada. Also, if your program is in your home country, you may email Dr. Blanton to confirm whether he needs to meet with you or not. If he agrees to waive this meeting, make sure Darlene Gray receives a copy of that message ([grayd4@ccf.org](mailto:grayd4@ccf.org))
  - Dr. Blanton's email: reb6@case.edu
  - Office Location: BRB, 4th-floor, Room 425.
  - When you go to your appointment with Dr. Blanton, bring: the completed International Program Form (signed by Dr. Franco) and a copy of the acceptance letter or email from the program. Dr. Blanton will sign the International Program Form.
- You should then scan and email the signed International Program form to [studyabroad@case.edu](mailto:studyabroad@case.edu) and cc Darlene Gray at [grayd4@ccf.org](mailto:grayd4@ccf.org).

**Preparation for trip:**

**Required Reading and Lecture Videos** (also listed under Learning Content in the online application)

- Read the book *Go!* by Dr. Thomas Daniel
• Watch 3 required lecture videos:

1. LECTURE TITLE: Bioethics, Social Justice, Stigma, Medical Missions  
   LECTURER: Nicole Deming, JD  
   YouTube Link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C4vpFuJqxvw&feature=youtu.be

2. LECTURE TITLE: Preparation for Travel, Diarrheal Disease, Bacteria (Plague, Mening)  
   LECTURER: Keith Armitage, MD  
   YouTube Link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyciMnZQAaY&feature=youtu.be

3. LECTURE TITLE: How to Behave During an International Elective  
   LECTURER: Yopal Yadavalli, MD  
   YouTube Link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQ--78z68Gs&feature=youtu.be

Recommended Online Resources to review for information, travel alerts, and advice:

- CDC
- State Department
- World Health Organization
- The American Journal of Tropical Health and Hygiene

Travel Insurance

- Once you have completed your application, the Office of Education Abroad will submit your itinerary to the Office of Risk Management and Insurance so they can activate your university-provided Travel Insurance.
- Read the Foreign Travel Insurance Letter and print the Foreign Travel Insurance Cards found on the last 2 pages; carry these cards and your basic medical insurance ID cards with you at all times when you are traveling abroad.

Malpractice Insurance

A Medical Professional Liability Policy (malpractice insurance) is automatically included in the University’s coverage, and covers medical students for any activity on behalf of the university, whether in the states or outside of the country. Some rotations may require verification of malpractice/liability insurance. In that event, the request must be submitted to the Office of Risk Management and Insurance, and must include:

Name of the student
Student ID number
Name and address of where the student will be doing the rotation.
Dates of the student's rotation.

The Office of Risk Management will then send a Certificate of Insurance directly to the site where the student is planning to do their rotation and will e-mail a copy to the student as well on request.

Contact information for the CWRU Office of Risk Management and Insurance:
Laura Corrigan, Insurance Manager - 216.368.4394 (e-mail: laura.corrigan@case.edu)
Dina Leinweber, Department Assistant – 216.368.1547 (e-mail: dina.leinweber@case.edu)

MedPlus Advantage Insurance

There is an additional insurance provided for you (no charge) as a Case Medical student. Go to www.medplusadvantage.com and enter the code number 644198 in the box; click submit, then click on “Emergency Global Travel Service Member ID” to access information about this coverage and an Assist
America insurance card. This coverage is somewhat redundant regarding services also covered by the university travel insurance, but it is recommended that you carry the Assist America card with you also as back-up in case of an emergency.

Please note:

- You would contact this agency only in the event of an emergency; you do not need to notify them before you travel.
- Assist America provides global emergency services insurance only and does not replace medical insurance during medical emergencies away from home. All medical costs incurred should be submitted to your health plan and are subject to the policy limits of your health coverage.

Other
There may be other preparations specific to your program. Please be sure to carefully read the individual program requirements at the time you are applying. Many requirements, such as mask-fitting and training, cannot be left to the last minute.

During your Program:

- Provide your sponsor/evaluator with an End-of-Rotation Assessment Form as soon as possible at the start of your program. To access the form, go to: http://casemed.case.edu/registrar/pdfs/End%20of%20Rotation%20Assessment%20Form.pdf
- Toward the end of your program, remind the evaluator to complete the form and submit it to the Registrar’s Office per instructions at the bottom of the form. The form is an interactive PDF, and can be completed online, but please note: the form is not compatible with all browsers. (It works well with Chrome & Internet Explorer. It does not appear to be compatible with Firefox.)

Post-Program:
At the conclusion of your program, you are required to complete the Post-Program Report, which is the last item listed under application questionnaires. This should be done as soon as possible after your trip and is required within 7 days of your return. It is highly recommended that you also save the report to your files for future reference.