

FAQs

- 1. Can application requirements be waived?**
 - No. All requirements are mandatory and will not be waived under any circumstances.
- 2. What is the elective course fee?**
 - Each elective is \$25.00, which will be paid online prior to your first day of registration.
- 3. What is the \$150.00 fee and when do I pay this fee?**
 - The \$150.00 fee is for International application processing and must be paid prior to any review of your application by the pediatrics department. This is also paid online. You only need to pay the \$150.00 fee once and can apply to other departments as well.
- 4. Can I get a list of course availability?**
 - Course list availability regarding enrollment is not disclosed to applicants. Enrollment numbers change frequently per block and so applicants are encouraged to select two blocks to ensure availability.
- 5. Can an international student apply for a June/August rotation?**
 - Yes, however the probability of getting selected for this rotation is highly dependent on course availability and a B-1/B-2 visa. *(These blocks are highly discouraged due to internal student enrollment numbers and visa processing time.)*
- 6. Can I rotate at UTSW/Children's without a B-1/B-2 VISA?**
 - Yes, all rotating international students must apply and get a B-1/B-2 visa for **EACH** rotation.
- 7. Will my application be forwarded for review if I am missing any required documents?**
 - No. Only complete applications will be forwarded for review and consideration for an elective slot.
- 8. Can I apply without my pediatrics core course grade included on my transcript?**
 - No. You will be expected to have your pediatric grade by the time your application is submitted. No exceptions are made.
- 9. When I submit the AAMC Immunization, can the physician only sign the form?**
 - No. You will need your home school to review and sign this form including the physician that completed the immunization review.
- 10. Is a housing scholarship available for international students?**
 - Yes. There is a housing scholarship, however, it is a highly competitive scholarship and based on your complete application. *(Only two students are awarded this scholarship per academic year.)*
- 11. Can I do multiple elective rotations in multiple departments?**
 - Yes, but each rotation will be processed individually, and a separate application must be submitted each time. The probability of getting multiple rotations is highly unlikely as electives fill immediately and processing will not allow a quick turnaround.
- 12. Must I have personal health insurance if I am an international medical student?**
 - Yes. You are required to show proof of personal insurance prior to and during your rotation at UTSW.
- 13. What type of background check must I complete?**

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- You will need to complete a full background check including “International Criminal Check.” Your application packet instructions will detail which site and pertinent codes to use when beginning the process. We only accept CastleBranch through UTSW.

14. Can the Step 1 Exam be waived?

- No. You will need a USLME Step 1 score as part of your application packet. Without it, your application will not be reviewed and will be deemed incomplete.

15. When can I apply for an elective rotation?

- You can apply for blocks 3-12 provided the enrollment for international students is still open. Enrollment can close at the discretion of the director. Please refer to our website to see if enrollment is still open.
- Submit all applications 90 days prior to actual start date or rotation.

16. When do I pay the application fee? When am I accepted into the elective?

- The application fee is a non-refundable cost that is required prior to a full review of an application for an elective. Payment of this fee does not guarantee enrollment or selection for an elective.
- You may be denied an elective even if you paid the application fee.

17. When do you start accepting applications?

- We start accepting applications from 4/1/2024 until the director closes enrollment.

18. Is it mandatory for an international student to have a B1 visa prior to application submission?

- No, though you will need to get a B1 visa once you are accepted to the elective.
- You will receive an acceptance letter to present to the consult office to receive a B1 visa.