

Criteria for Selecting OUWB Students for Away Electives Outside of the USA

Students applying for an away senior elective will be selected for the requested learning opportunity based on the following criteria.

1. **Academic Standing**
Student must be in good academic standing.
2. **Clinical Specialty Request for Elective**
If a student is taking the elective for graduation credit, the area of specialization for the global experience away elective cannot exceed the limit of 2 specialty specific electives. If that ceiling has been reached, the student must submit a written justification for requesting this third elective in a specialty at a global institution. The request for an away elective must be submitted electronically at least six (6) months in advance of the departure date per OUWB policy. If a student is taking the elective for graduation credit, the student must also comply with the OUWB policy stipulating that only one (1) elective can be non-clinical.
3. **Linguistic Competency**
The student must be able to effectively communicate in the language of the host country or accept a clerkship as assigned by the host institution in a clinical area where English is the predominant language of teaching and learning.
4. **Health Status**
The student must be in good health. All chronic diseases, allergies, pre-existing conditions, physical limitations should be carefully considered and evaluated by the student prior to applying for a global away elective since these conditions may be easily exacerbated while globally engaged. Students must agree to maintain their medication regimen and take their prescribed medications while on an away elective. OUWB reserves the right to deny student participation in a global away elective if the school deems it is detrimental to the student's health and welfare.
5. **Financial Considerations**
The student must be aware of and able to absorb the burden of the pre-travel immunizations, required visa fees, emergency insurance, program fees, travel, housing costs while abroad and any unanticipated expenses that may arise.
6. **Educational Objectives**
The student has established realistic learning objectives for the elective. These objectives should be reviewed in advance with the clerkship director.
7. **Compliance to OUWB Policies**

The student agrees to comply with all OUWB policies on foreign travel as stipulated in the pre-requisites and post travel guidelines including registering with the Office of Risk Management at OU.

8. Recreational Travel

Students who elect to travel while abroad do so on their own time. Optional leisure travel cannot interfere with the required time for clinical days in an away elective nor can this travel interfere with the start date of a scheduled clinical clerkship following the away elective. Students will not be excused early from clinical clerkships to facilitate their travel for an away elective and will not be permitted to postpone the start date of a clerkship following the away elective in order to accommodate leisure travel abroad.

Exceptions to this policy will only be made in the event of unanticipated situation and/or extenuating circumstances.