**Guidelines for Students pursuing an International Elective:**

1. **Students much reach out to IMEP at least 4 months in advance to start planning process.** 
   1. **Please email** [**imep-ghp@umassmed.edu**](mailto:imep-ghp@umassmed.edu) **before planning any travel**
   2. They will need to identify a UMMS faculty advisor for the trip
2. There are UMMS **partner sites** which would make the process of approval faster as these are long-term collaborations with agreements in place. They are listed with faculty advisors below.
   1. Gujarat, India (Chrutar Arogya Mandal): Nisha Fahey, DO (maternal/fetal population health) or Anindita Deb, MD (neurology)
   2. Kisumu, Kenya (KEMRI): Ann Moormann, PhD (immunology)
   3. Quito, Ecuador (UTE): Tom Guggina, MD (pediatrics)
   4. Cochabamba, Bolivia (IDH): Doug Golenbock, MD, PhD (ID)
   5. Dominican Republic (IDEV): Doug Golenbock, MD, PhD
   6. Dominican Republic: La Romana Clinica de Familia: Michele Pugnaire, MD (<https://clinicadefamilia.org.do/>)
   7. Monrovia, Liberia: Patricia McQuilkin, MD (pediatrics)
   8. Bahamas and Thailand: Bo Wang, PhD (Implementation research of evidenced-based HIV intervention, mHealth)
   9. Vietnam: Hoa Nguyen, PhD
   10. *Chengdu, China (West China Hospital) (also opportunities in Beijing and Shanghai): Hui Zou, Guangping Gao [not available]*

Other established opportunities:

* 1. Dominican Republic (La Romana) BHI: Michele Pugnaire and Jean Boucher– this is a group trip generally in the Spring
  2. Ben Gurion, Israel: selective experience through Dean’s office
  3. UMMS Radiology Travel Grant for 4th year travel: Max Rosen, MD, MPH
  4. Other opportunities with various surgical subspecialties: Muriel Cleary, MD
  5. Plastic surgery: Joyce McIntyre, MD

1. For **international language programs**, the sites listed below are recommended. If the student wants to pursue a different site, please have them reach out to IMEP at least 4 months in advance. We encourage programs with BOTH language and cultural immersion or medical exposure.
   1. Hispania Escuela de Español, Valencia, Spain:  <https://www.hispania-valencia.com/en/>
   2. Pop Wuj Spanish School, Guatemala: <http://www.pop-wuj.org/>
   3. Cacha Medical Spanish Institute, Ecuador: <http://www.cachamsi.com/>
2. For **in-country Spanish language** **electives**, Maria Garcia will be coordinating these. Would advise contacting her at least 3 months in advance ([maria.garciaMD@umassmed.edu](mailto:maria.garciaMD@umassmed.edu)).
3. For domestic experiences either through an NGO or institution, would recommend discussing with IMEP at least 4 months in advance. Some programs require a letter of agreement.

Items that a student must complete to gain full approval of an international experience [Of note, you will need travel approval in order to receive credit for this elective]:

1. Select a UMMS Faculty advisor for your trip who will review objectives of trip with you and

sign-off on the GHER form

1. Submit the Global Health Experience Request (GHER) form to IMEP for approval and

Signature

1. Submit any paperwork related to your elective (proof of acceptance). Complete required

documentation per International Support Services (ISS) which may include a Letter of Agreement (LOA) with host site/program (internationalsupportservices@umassmed.edu)

1. Complete the on-line UMMS Travel Registration https://travelregistry.umasscs.net/ and

note Pawel Chojnowski as the approver. This step should be done once you know your exact dates of travel. You can log in using your UMassMed credentials. And be sure to complete the International Travel Questionnaire to facilitate review.

Also, please ensure to do the following prior to travel:

5. Please review the UMMS Pre-Travel checklist which can be found on the ISS website (https://www.umassmed.edu/international-support-services/)

6. Register travel with the U.S. State Department’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/step.html). This step should be done once you know your exact dates of travel.

7. Review the CDC’s health information for travelers to the country of your destination (which can be found here), and if appropriate, make an appointment with a health care provider to discuss pre-travel health issues and vaccinations (at least 2 months in advance). Health care providers may include the following:

UMMS Student Health (508-334-2818)

Pedi ID/Immunology/Travel (774-442-3947)- for ages 24 and younger

UMMS Travel Clinic (508-334 -5481)

our Primary Care Provider

Passport Health: Private travel clinic in Worcester (365 Main St)- may be out-of-pocket

After returning from travel, please ensure to submit a Global Health Trip Report which can be found at the following link:

<https://repository.escholarship.umassmed.edu/handle/20.500.14038/13>

You will need to login to the site with your UMass Chan credentials to access the collection.