

Electives Committee Conference I Friday 23 November 2018

Electives - Value for money, values for life

About this conference

The electives conference is an annual event held by the Medical Schools Council Electives Committee. It brings together medical school elective leads, charitable and national bodies and medical students who have recently returned or will shortly begin a medical elective placement.

The theme for this year's conference is "Electives - value for money, values for life." It will explore not only whether an elective is good value for money, but the effect it has on participants skills, career goals and understanding of medicine.

The conference is being held on Friday 23 November 2018 from 10am – 4.00pm at Woburn House, 20 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9HD. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

How to register

Spaces are limited and run on a first come first served basis so early registration is encouraged. The invitation is open to students who have returned from an elective in the last year (including graduates) and those who will be going on an elective within the next academic year.

The conference is free for medical students and graduates. One bursary to cover travel expenses (and accommodation if necessary) is available per medical school. To be nominated for this bursary, you will need to contact your elective lead at your medical school for nomination. Funding will be confirmed in early September.

Student submissions

Presenting is not a requirement for attending the conference, but all students who have completed an elective are invited to contribute in one of two ways:

POSTER FORUM

Students are invited to present a poster on their elective, which should focus on the conference title – 'Electives – value for money, values for life'. 'Value' is very broad so you are open to interpret this in any way you feel is relevant.

To apply to present a poster, you must submit an abstract summary of your elective and how your experience relates to the theme. For example, your abstract may discuss a piece of research you completed that helped build on a valuable skill.

Abstracts must be no longer than one page and submitted to

fahmida.yasmin@medschools.ac.uk

The deadline for all abstracts is the end of **Sunday 16 September 2018**.

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Student attendance and submission information

Please note if you will be on elective after the deadline but will return before the conference (and will have enough time to make a poster) you can submit a poster abstract on how you feel your elective will be valuable and what you hope to learn. Your abstract must still be clear on the theme and what your elective will involve. The deadline will remain the same.

All students and graduates will be notified by **Monday 24 September** after a peer review process. You will then have until Friday 16 November to design your poster.



STUDENT NARRATIVE

2 – 3 medical students will be selected to present a short 10-minute presentation on their elective and its impact to the conference. To apply, you must send a one-page abstract summary on your experience. The focus can be on anything which was valuable on your elective, whether it was a valuable lesson, impactful and so on. All abstracts must be sent to Fahmida.yasmin@medschools.ac.uk

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Tips for a good abstract

1. Focused (should not be general advice about electives related to issues that should have been anticipated)
2. Well-linked to the specific topic of the conference
3. Reflective or analytical rather than descriptive

Contact

If you have any questions on the conference, attendance or student submissions, please contact Fahmida Yasmin at Fahmida.yasmin@medschools.ac.uk or call 02074195430