

MSC Electives Conference 2019 – Improving quality and outcomes in medical electives

Student attendance and submission information

About this conference

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

The title of this year's conference is "Improving quality and outcomes in medical electives" It will focus on how electives staff and medical school processes can support quality and improvement in medical electives and be aided by student input on their experiences during the elective block.

The conference is being held on Friday 15 November 2019 from 10am – 4.30pm at Woburn House, 20 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9HD. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Student/graduate attendees

While the main demographic for the conference is medical school staff, the student perspective is invaluable to any conversation relating to medical electives, therefore student/ graduate attendees are encouraged. There is also an opportunity for post-elective students/graduates to present a poster or narrative on their experience (see *Student submissions* below).

Please book your place via [Eventbrite](#). 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 the head of electives 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:

Student poster forum

Students are invited to present a poster on their elective, which should also discuss the conference topic. How you approach this topic 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 on your experience and how it relates to the theme. For example, your abstract may discuss a piece of research you completed that helped improve 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 **15 September 2019**.

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 applicants will be notified by **Monday 23 September** after a peer review process. You will then have until Friday 8 November to design and submit your poster. (Printing is handled by MSC).

Student narratives

2 – 3 medical students will be selected to present a short narrative 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 and should also touch on conference theme. All abstracts must be sent to Fahmida.yasmin@medschools.ac.uk

The deadline for narrative abstracts is end of **Sunday 15 September 2019**. All applicants will be notified by **Monday 23 September** after a peer review process.

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