

University of Washington Internal Medicine Visiting Student FAQs

1. Will taking an elective increase my chances of getting an interview or matching into the UW Internal Medicine residency program?

No. Our courses offerings are not audition rotations.

2. Does your program do rolling admissions?

We will accept applications starting April 15, 2021, for the 2021-2022 academic year and we will only schedule students during our enrollment period starting May 1, 2021, through August 26, 2021. If you are accepted you will be notified during this timeframe. It is helpful to get your application in early, but please note your chances of getting an away elective also depend on our availability for the course and the time frame in which you are applying.

3. If I fulfill all the criteria for applying, will I be guaranteed an away elective?

No. We have a very competitive pool of applicants every year and we are not able to offer electives to everyone who applies.

4. Where can I find your Subinternship listings?

We do not offer subinternships to visiting students.

5. The course I want to take is not on your list of offerings. Can you create a spot for me?

No. Only certain courses allow visiting students to rotate.

6. My institution's elective blocks do not match up with the UW. Can I rotate off-cycle?

No. All Medicine rotations are four (4) weeks in length. Your clerkship dates must correspond with our Clinical Elective Schedule. You must start at the beginning of the block(s) and finish at the end of the block(s). The only exception to this is MEDECK 604 Dermatology, which may allow off-cycle time-frames on a case-by-case basis.

7. What can I do to make myself competitive for an away elective?

Ensuring that you meet the requirements for application, and a complete application is the most important criteria for admission to an away elective. Please note that along with the criteria listed under the Internal Medicine tab on the [UW Visiting Student](#) website, a complete application must include our Medicine Supplemental Form found on the [IM Departmental Course Listing](#) page.

8. Who should I ask to write my letter of recommendation?

The person who is writing your letter of recommendation must be a faculty member at your home institution and should have experience working with you clinically.