

AWAY ELECTIVES

An away elective, be it clinical or research-based, is a rotation at an institution that is not affiliated with the University of Connecticut School of Medicine (UConn SOM). The Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office designee will determine the merits of the request for an away elective and be responsible for approval (when necessary) of resident/fellow participation.

☐ Away electives with prior approval NOT required.

In some cases, away electives may be necessary to fulfill Residency Review Committee requirements for training. Such experiences are considered approved by the GME Office. The GME designee must be notified of resident/fellow participation in said experiences; however, an Away Elective Form need not be submitted.

☐ Away electives with prior approval required

Residents/fellows may apply for approval for away electives for clinical or research experiences.

Program Director approval for such away electives must be obtained by the resident/fellow prior to the resident/fellow applying for approval from the GME office.

An Away Elective Form must be completed and is available on the GME website: http://gme.uhc.edu/current/away_elective_application.html. Essential components of the necessary paperwork include:

- Educational rationale for requesting an away elective
- Program Director's support for this experience
- Evaluation tool used to evaluate the resident's/fellow's experience
- Program's effort to identify funding support for this experience
- ECFMG's offsite rotation notification form, if applicable

Away electives outside of the United States are typically approved when the experience is done in conjunction with a School of Medicine Faculty member, or at a site with a pre-established relationship between the School of Medicine or a faculty member. Other international electives will be reviewed on a case by case basis with a focus on resident safety, the educational experience based on rotational goals and objectives, availability of appropriate supervision and an appropriate evaluation tool for the experience.

A resident/fellow who is not in good standing in their training program may not participate in an Away Elective.

A resident applying for an away elective should not make any travel arrangements until they receive approval from the GME office.

Typically, a resident/fellow is only permitted 1 away elective experience during each UConn sponsored training program matriculated in.