

## AWAY AND FOREIGN ELECTIVES

"Away" electives at non-medical school affiliated hospitals along with all military electives (coded AWAB), with private physicians (coded AWAC), or outside the U.S. (coded AWAD) **REQUIRE approval from Student Affairs.**

See "How to Arrange a Special Project or Ad Hoc Elective," in the "How to Use This Catalog" section for enrollment information for away and foreign electives.

\*\* You must use an approval code secured from Dr. Strobel in order to register for the electives coordinated by him. After January 1 special approval to drop/add must be obtained from the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

### Electives in South Texas

The Area Health Education Center (AHEC) of South Texas has senior elective positions in primary care in its 38-county region. Affiliated AHEC clinical training sites have been established with various Community/Migrant Health Centers, Family Practice Residency Training Centers, Rural Health Clinics, and private preceptors throughout South Texas. The AHEC will provide transportation reimbursement and appropriate housing for students. For more information, contact the AHEC Program Office at 210/567-7813.

### Environmental Medicine/Border Health Elective

Medical students are eligible for travel awards to participate in electives in environmental health in Laredo/Nuevo Laredo sponsored by the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio's South Texas Environmental Education and Research (STEER) Center.

Months offered: February, April - August, October, and November.

Students take exposure histories and perform environmental house calls to identify home and community exposures that may play a role in patients' illnesses, test air and water for various contaminants, and research environmental or public health topics relevant to the border area.

For more information, visit the web site: <http://steer.uthscsa.edu>  
Or call: 210/567-7762.

### Electives at NIH

Clinical electives are offered at the National Institutes of Health in 20 clinical subspecialties. Electives are generally eight weeks in length and are given at specific times during the year. However, individual arrangements may be made with the course coordinator or instructor if the student requires it. More information can be obtained by clicking:

<http://www.training.nih.gov/student/cep/index.asp>

### Elective in Beijing

An elective month (usually April) is offered in Beijing, China, at the Capital Institute of Medicine, to give selected students an opportunity to observe the health care and medical education system in that country. Interested students should contact Dr. Henry Strobel, Department of Biochemistry, at 500-6078, or by e-mail at [henry.w.strobel@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:henry.w.strobel@uth.tmc.edu). Selection of this elective is made on the basis of an essay submitted by the applicant in addition to his/her academic record and participation in the activities of the School. Each participant bears the cost of transportation and other expenses.

In addition, students selected for the elective are expected to participate in a series of meetings over the fall and winter in preparation for this experience. Participants must submit a paper for evaluation by the Dean's Office on their return.

UTLINK: SPEC 4000 A04 Call #: 86131 Approval Code from Dr. Strobel \*\*

After January 1, 2003: Special permission required from Dr. Margaret McNeese, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, (MSB 5.202) to add / drop.

### Elective at University of Chile

Students with a good working knowledge of Spanish may be interested in spending a month at the University of Chile. In addition to internal medicine, surgery and trauma, obstetrics/gynecology, and pediatrics, they offer a unique experience in primary care in a rural setting. Interested students should contact Dr. Henry Strobel, 500-6078 or by e-mail at [henry.w.strobel@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:henry.w.strobel@uth.tmc.edu). Our students are responsible for airfare, lodging, meals and incidentals.

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### Elective in Guadalajara, Mexico

See INFD.4006 (Infectious Diseases/Field Elective) for information on this elective held on limited weeks in July and August. Contact Dr. Ericsson or Dr. DuPont in room JFB 1.728 or call 500-6732.

### Elective in Guatemala, Rural Medicine

Students interested in working one-on-one with a missionary doctor can spend a month at a variety of rural clinics in Santa Cruz del Quiché. Dr. Heidi Grissom Bell is a graduate from our Ob/Gyn residency program but is practicing primary care in Guatemala. For information contact her via [heidi\\_and\\_Matt@hotmail.com](mailto:heidi_and_Matt@hotmail.com).

### Elective in Hyderabad, India

Through Dr. Strobel a one-month elective is available in January at the Deccan Medical School. Contact Dr. Strobel (500-6078 or e-mail at [henry.w.strobel@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:henry.w.strobel@uth.tmc.edu)) for more information. Students are responsible for their airfare and living expenses.

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### Elective in Peru

Students interested in an experience in tropical medicine can spend a month at the Alexander von Humboldt Institute of Tropical Diseases in Lima, Peru. Room, board, and airfare is at the student's expense, and there is a \$300 registration fee.

The month of February fills early. They recommend that visiting students come on April 1st (mainly for the medical student course, which is dictated for 6 weeks, including a trip to Iquitos during the last two weeks of the course); however, students are welcome other months.

Dr. Charles D. Ericsson, head of the Division of Clinical Infectious Diseases at UT-Houston (500-6732 or e-mail [Charles.D.Ericsson@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Charles.D.Ericsson@uth.tmc.edu)), can supply some additional information. Contact:

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<http://www.upch.edu.pe/Tropicales>  
<http://medinfo.dom.uab/Gorgas/Course.html>

### Elective in Pakistan

Through Dr. Cheves Smythe (500-6710), a faculty member in the Department of Internal Medicine, electives are available to our students at the Aga Khan University Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan. Students are responsible for their airfare and living expenses.

### Electives in Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia

Dr. Strobel has developed elective contacts in Vietnam and Thailand. See him for further information (500-6078 or e-mail at [henry.w.strobel@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:henry.w.strobel@uth.tmc.edu)). Students are responsible for their airfare and living expenses.

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UTLINK:            Malaysia:            AWAD 4001            404            Call #: 85334            Approval Code from Dr. Strobel \*\*  
                         Vietnam:            AWAD 4001            204            Call #: 80043            Approval Code from Dr. Strobel \*\*