Global Health Program Senior Clinical Elective in Mumbai, India Spring 2020

Mumbai is India’s largest city, and it is the capital of the Indian state of Maharashtra. Serving as the financial, commercial and entertainment capital of India, the population is approximately 18.5 million. The clinical experience in Mumbai is coordinated by Dr. Rati Godrej, (UCLA ’84, M.D. ’88), and will provide students with rich clinical experiences at two major teaching hospitals:

1. The King Edward Memorial (KEM) Hospital (https://www.kem.edu/), an 1800 bed teaching hospital for the Seth Gordhandas Sunderdas (SGS) Medical College. This institution provides virtually free care to those without financial resources. Students on this elective will have opportunities to work on the inpatient internal medicine or pediatrics services.

2. Bombay Hospital, an 830-bed private teaching hospital with 110 ICU beds. Similarly, a significant portion of this hospital’s patients are unable to pay for their care. Students on this elective will work on the inpatient internal medicine service.
Students on the Mumbai rotation who elect an internal medicine experience will spend time at both King Edward Memorial Hospital and Bombay Hospital. Students who elect a pediatric experience will spend time at King Edward Memorial Hospital, with a potential opportunity to also spend time at the SRCC Children’s Hospital or the Wadia Children’s Hospital.

The rotation in Mumbai has been developed with formal goals and objectives. We are seeking students with an interest in caring for underserved populations, and those with enthusiasm for global health, tropical medicine and health care delivery in resource poor settings. Students will be expected to demonstrate the highest level of maturity, professionalism and cultural humility.

Students will receive $2,000 of support for the India clinical rotation. These funds are awarded upon completion of the rotation to help defray the costs of roundtrip airfare and in-country accommodation and food. Students will need to cover the remaining expenses from other funds, as the cost of this rotation will exceed the amount provided by the Global Health Program.

Interviews for this elective will take place on October 5, 2019, and a few select dates the week prior. Students selected for this rotation are required to participate in a mandatory full day pre-departure training program in Los Angeles on Saturday, January 25, 2020. Upon return home from India, students will be expected to provide feedback through written evaluation forms, and participate in a mandatory lunchtime feedback session on Thursday, May 28, 2020 and to attend a site-specific debrief to be arranged upon return from India and prior to graduation.

Rotation dates for this elective have been confirmed. Students applying to this three-week elective must be able to commit to this elective from March 23, 2020 through April 10, 2020. Note that a March 23 start date will require departure from the U.S. by March 21, 2020, at the latest.

Questions regarding this rotation should be directed to Dr. Traci Wells at twells@mednet.ucla.edu.

Thank you for your interest in this clinical opportunity in India!