

# USF MEDICINE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE



## Why student exchange?

As a reciprocal program, student exchange allows medical students from the US and abroad the opportunity to participate in clinical or research electives, learn each others' medical practices, acquire research skills, and experience a new culture, thus helping them to become well-rounded doctors.

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## AN ENHANCED EDUCATION

USF Medicine International provides opportunities for international medical students to visit the University of South Florida as well as USF medical students to visit universities abroad to enhance their medical education. These highly motivated students are able to internalize what they learn about medical practice both in the U.S and abroad. They become better clinicians, educators, and health care leaders, thus improving the quality of healthcare globally. Since 2006, 1117 Morsani College of Medicine (MCoM) students have traveled to 42 countries and 302 international medical students from 10 countries have visited USF MCoM.



## IN THEIR WORDS: STORIES FROM USF MORSANI MEDICAL STUDENTS

### PANAMA CITY

"I am very passionate about public health and one of my goals in life was to learn Spanish...and I picked Panama as the place for my research, to work on surveying adolescents about HIV and

STIs. It was one of the best experiences of my life, and has me now considering pursuing pediatrics so I can continue to work with adolescents.

**Nisha Sunku, Class of 2020**



### THAILAND

"We conducted a study on the administration of acyclovir therapy for suspected encephalitis. In the process, we helped create the world's largest encephalitis case-series database. The

Thai medical students we worked alongside were invaluable, as was our Thai mentor. We learned and experienced so much in our two months abroad. It was truly once in a lifetime."

**Amelia Ordonez & Ian P. Ciesielski, Class of 2020**



# Clinical Observership Program



Started in 2008, this program is dedicated to providing innovative medical education for medical students and physicians from around the globe. Through this program, highly motivated medical students or physicians, whose universities have forged a collaborative agreement with the USF College of Medicine, are invited to participate in medical observerships and subsequently return to their countries to become clinicians, leaders, and educators in their medical fields.



## SPECIALTIES :

- ◆ Cardiology
- ◆ Dermatology
- ◆ Emergency Medicine
- ◆ Gastroenterology
- ◆ Infectious Diseases
- ◆ Internal Medicine
- ◆ Nephrology
- ◆ Neurology
- ◆ Neurosurgery
- ◆ Oncology
- ◆ Orthopedics
- ◆ Pediatrics
- ◆ Pulmonary Medicine
- ◆ Radiology

## IN THEIR WORDS: STORIES FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL TRAINEES

### SUBSPECIALTY TRAINING

"I am so glad and lucky to round the wards with the attending physicians and their fellows in TGH. I learned a lot from them, including not only technical knowledge but also their attitude towards patients. They are most skillful in their job. Meanwhile, I encountered diseases that rarely happen in my hometown, such as sickle cell disease, AIDS-related lymphoma and hemoglobin mutation. Moreover, outpatients can be given chemotherapy in the clinic, which is not allowed in my country. It is a good idea and very necessary for the medical staff to wear the isolation suites and gloves when they see the inpatients who are suffering from infectious diseases. Furthermore, the medical computer system is so amazing and helpful because the medical staff can search information about patients easily and faster, including the basic case and all kinds of examinations that are exactly necessary."

**-Dr. Li Lijuan**, Physician

The 2nd Hospital of Lanzhou University, China

### CLINICAL OBSERVERSHIP

"I was most impressed by the attitude of the attending physician and fellows towards patients. The knowledge of the attending is quite up-to-date. Patient management can be discussed with attending all the time. The management system within the hospital runs quite well. The coordinator of USF Medicine International was really helpful."

**- Chatree Wongsinkongman**, Medical Student

Srinakharinwirot University, Thailand

"The observership was great. The staff members, including residents, attending physicians and students, were very nice and helpful. The training facilities are fascinating and the working environment is pleasant. It was a very nourishing experience to be a part of such professional and high quality teams in different areas within the pediatrics department at TGH."

**-William Bealey**, Medical student

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