Away Rotations 2022-2023
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Away Rotation Overview

- A clinical rotation at a site that’s not affiliated with the UWSOM (697 non-WWAMI, 699 within WWAMI)
- Most are through AAMC Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) but some have a private application service (contact somreg@uw.edu)
- Not a graduation requirement but can count towards graduation requirements
- Review UWSOM Specialty Guides for specialties that recommend Away rotations e.g. highly competitive specialties.
- Purpose: Increase competitiveness for residency application, “audition” rotations, seek additional exposure outside UWSOM, personal reasons such as geographical needs.
**UWSOM Curriculum Requirements**

Away rotations cannot be used to fulfill EM, Neuro, APC and APC Sub-I requirements.
General Timeline

- Winter Quarter – VSLO access and prepare applications
- Program catalogs open early March. Peak application time is April/May.
- Most away rotations will be taken Summer through early Autumn Quarter
- June 2023 Grads’ expected grad date: 6/9/2023
- June 2023 Grads’ Clinical Cut-Off: 5/6/2023
  - Themes in Medicine W7 6/20-6/24/2022 (between SPR and SUM quarter)
  - Transition to Residency: Mid to End of May 2023, leading up to Physician’s Oath and Hooding Ceremony.
  - Quarter Dates “Within the 12-week quarter and cannot overlap with breaks or extend into the quarter” Case-by-case exceptions for 697’s
Applying through VSLO

- Invitation sent out from Registration
  - Email invitation expires after 28 days
  - Email somreg@uw.edu if invitation expires

- Learn how to use VSLO: VSLO Tutorials

- Review Away Clerkship Options
  - Anticipated release date of the 2022-2023 AY VSLO catalogue: Winter/Spring 2022
  - Non-VSLO hosts may post opportunities earlier
Verifying Students

- Good academic standing
- OSHA safety measures, BLS Training, Mask Fit Testing, Medical Liability and malpractice insurance, HIPAA training
- Expected graduation date
- Immunizations
- USMLE Step 1
- Required core clerkships

Releasing Applications
Applying through VSLO

Institution Requirements

❖ Letters of Good Standing
  o UWSOM Malpractice Insurance Attached
❖ Letters of Recommendation
  o Release required
❖ Affiliation Agreements
  o Contact: Scott Bailey (sgbailey@uw.edu)
❖ Transcripts
  o Only one upload except for special circumstances
  o Check your unofficial transcript on before ordering transcripts [UW Registrar]
  o Confirmation Required
  o Longitudinal Programs
Applying through VSLO | Student Requirements

- Application (complete profile)
- Professional Photo
- CV
- Personal Statement/Letter of Intent
- Immunization Forms
  - Health Science Immunization Program
- Compliance Requirements
  - UWSOM Compliance
  - Background check, drug screen, OSHA/Universal Precautions, HIPAA
- USMLE Exams
  - Step 1 Score Report/Transcript
  - Scheduling CK & CS
Documents uploaded here can be used to fulfill host requirements when submitting applications.

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Pay for and submit your elective applications.

**Electives**

**MEERM 504 - 1. SP Emergency Medicine - Sujay Host Both (Billings Cli)**

**Dates:** 01/01/2025 - 01/31/2025

Application(s) Total: $15.00

(Tax, where applicable, will be calculated at checkout)

By submitting this application, you certify that the information submitted in connection with this application is complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge and not misleading or false; you consent to the use, transfer, and storage of your personal information as described in the Applicant Agreement; and you reaffirm your agreement with the Applicant Agreement. A student may not apply for an elective if the student will have graduated from their home institution degree program before the elective end date.

**Saved for Later**

**PEM350 - Pediatric Emergency Medicine - Any Host Hospital**

**Dates:** 11/29/2021 - 12/10/2021

[ADD TO CART]
Waiting for Responses

- Response time depends on hosts
  - May be notified months or weeks in advance

- The Six-Week Deadline
  - Late Drop Permission isn’t guaranteed
  - Contact the Clinical Departments
  - Extenuating circumstances: Dr. Maya Sardesai

- Prepare in advance
  - Review your schedule
  - Before the six-week deadline, contact the Clinical Department
  - Drop conflicting clerkship if necessary
  - Away Rotations cannot fulfill the following requirements: APC-S, APC, NEURL/NEUR-S, & MED EM
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### Emergency Medicine

**Any Host Hospital**

- **Submitted on:**
  - 05/05/2021
  - 04/27/2021

**Statuses:**
- **Home Review:** Complete
- **Host Review:** In Progress
- **Student Decision:**
  - Not selected

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Accepting and Declining Offers

- Accept the offer via VSLO or private app service
- Fulfill any additional post decision requirements for conditional offers and submit for a final host institutional review.
Withdrawing from Away Rotations

- Pending Apps (Not Released)
  - Monitor & Manage
  - Hosts won’t be Notified
- Already Accepted Offers
  - Consult Career Advisors
  - Contact Host Program
- Rearrange Schedule
  - Clinical Schedule Change Form
  - Six-week Deadline
After being accepted through VSLO or other application process, students can go through the process of receiving UW clinical elective credit.

Students should work with UW SOM departmental admins corresponding with the elective and submit a Special Assignment Elective application form to the department.

The department will send the completed application to clinical curriculum.

Curriculum will send you an approval email to student and department admin with the details of the elective and next steps.
Receiving UW Credit – 699 (within WWAMI)

- Process and application is the same as 697s
- Instead of being approved through VSLO – Students work with outside hospitals & clinics to set up one-off electives within the WWAMI region
- Electives at non-LCME accredited institutions or non-ACGME accredited Residency programs are permissible within the WWAMI region and require additional application information. Instructions are listed on at the top of the application and on our website.
- Clerkship must follow clerkship dates on UW SOM Clinical Calendar

Please make sure you read the instructions on the application and review our website: https://education.uwmedicine.org/curriculum/by-phase/clinical/explore-and-focus/special-assignment-electives/
Schedule Change Requests

Follows similar process as making any other schedule change

- Forward approval of Special Assignment elective to somreg@uw.edu (similar with permissions)
- Submit a Schedule Change Request: [Clinical Schedule Change Request Form](#)
- Registration will complete schedule change in eValue and confirm with student is complete – comprised of adding approved away rotation and make any other necessary changes
- Be aware of 6 week add/drop deadline!

...and your off to your away rotation...
Getting Credit

Home Department will provide an evaluation form.

Host institution will complete evaluation form – sent back to home department.

UW Clinical Department record final grade with Registration office.
Preparing Now

- Look into different programs – what is on VSLO and what isn’t? Keep track of fees and application due dates!
- Draft your **personal statement** & CV now!
- Take a professional photo
- Review your unofficial transcript on [UW Registrar](https://www.washington.edu)
- Start asking for Letters of Recommendation – you are nearing your Patient Care phase or your early E&F rotations
- Compliance items such as BLS certifications are up to date ([somcompl@uw.edu](mailto:somcompl@uw.edu))
- Review your immunization information - The most common VSLO immunization form can be signed by the [Health Science Immunization Program nurses](https://www.washington.edu)
Away Rotation Resources for URiM Students

1. **URiM Opportunities for Visiting Students**
   1. Maintained and regularly updated by AAMC, this list provides information about opportunities from institutions actively seeking URiM students

2. **Funded Away Rotations for Minority Medical Students (FARMS) Database**
   1. Directory of programs offering stipends to students underrepresented in medicine participating in visiting electives
Advice from Career Advisors

- Review the Career Advising Career Advising Away rotation webpage and Specialty Guides
- Apply to approx. 7-10 programs depending on specialty.
- Ask your Specialty Career Advisor to review your program list to ensure a balance of top tier & medium competitive programs.
- Apply to multiple timeframes within one program and across enough programs. Be flexible.
- Prioritize rotations early in the cycle, if possible, so you have a Letter of Recommendation submitted with your application.
- Personalize your Letter of Intent/ Personal Statement
- Decline offers 6-8 weeks from start of rotation.
- Reach out to your Specialty Career Advisor or a career advisor with questions.
No Offers?

- Reach out to your Specialty Career Advisor
- Meet with a Career Advisor
  - Consider applying for more rotations
  - Reassess host selection and application components
  - Discuss overall career goals
- Rearrange Schedule
  - Add home rotations for LOR’s, experience, and grad requirements.
- Counseling & Wellness
Away Q&A Questions

- How many away rotations can we take? What will count for graduation?
- How far in advance do we need to submit an application with materials?
- What if a host institution doesn’t have an elective in your specialty?
- If I don’t have any connections over in the east coast, should I do a rotation on the east coast?
- Do you recommend that we reach out to programs for more information if we may want to complete an away rotation with them? (Some websites have a "contact us here for more info" link, worth it/helpful at all?)
Q & A: Additional Questions?

- Scheduling & Application Logistics: somreg@uw.edu
- Special Assignment Electives: medevalu@uw.edu
- Advising:
  - General Career Advisors: Sarah Thomson, Tonja Brown & Linh Ngo (medadv@uw.edu)
  - Specialty Career Advisors