

U.S. AND CANADIAN SCHOOLS EXTRAMURAL APPLICATION PROCESS

After May 1, 2015, due to the high volume of requests, the extramural application process is done through the Association of American Medical College's Visiting Student Application Service[®], or [VSAS[®]](#).

To begin the application process, please review our [elective courses](#) and determine which course you are interested in taking. To tentatively schedule an elective, go to the [VSAS](#) site. Applications will not be accepted before May 1, 2015.

Do I need to use VSAS?

You must use VSAS if you are enrolled at a U.S. or Canadian medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) and you are applying for senior away electives.

Non-UC Irvine student eligibility

In accordance with UC Irvine policy, students from other U.S. and Canadian medical schools are eligible to take a maximum of eight (8) weeks of elective time through the UC Irvine School of Medicine and its affiliated hospitals.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Senior status
- Good academic standing
- Successful completion of pre-clinical training
- Successful completion of junior core clerkships
- Command of the English language
- Board scores must be submitted for Orthopedic electives

Some core clerkships and rotations are restricted to UC Irvine students only. Acceptance into an extramural course will be based upon competitive grades in basic sciences, core clinical courses and completion of course work equivalent to the UC Irvine School of Medicine curriculum.

Due to dwindling resources and the limited number of electives available, selection of extramural students will be based on a competitive evaluation of applicants, taking into account both the quality of the applicant's previous performance and training, as well as UC Irvine's interest in reciprocity for its students at the applicant's institutions.

In evaluating the quality of previous training, one consideration will be the number, subject matter and quality of previously completed core clerkships and electives in the United States under the direction of faculty holding appointments in schools approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).