



School of Medicine Senior Mission Electives Timeline

Thank you for your interest in the Senior Mission Electives program. This timeline will help to ensure that you meet all the requirements and deadlines necessary to participate in a mission elective during your fourth year of medical school. Please keep these time frames in mind as you schedule your activities.

Note: SIMS requires three months advance notice for placements to sites on the SIMS list of pre-approved sites. These time frames represent SIMS' preferred guidelines based on program patterns in the past. If you would like to travel to a site that is not on the pre-approved, please follow the instructions provided on the *New Site Proposal* document, allowing for a minimum of six months to complete the approval process.

SUMMER QUARTER

June – August

Application Period. Preferred placement application period for Senior Mission Electives. Submit the SIMS Senior Mission Elective application to ensure the best chance of securing a mission elective to your chosen site during the dates you have selected. Apply online at www.lluglobal.com/sims.

FALL QUARTER

September – December

Placement Period. SIMS begins the process of contacting sites to request placement for students requesting a senior mission elective. Students will be contacted via email when their placements are confirmed. Once SIMS confirms placement, students may communicate with their on-site preceptors directly to make travel arrangements.

Last day of Fall Quarter

Application Deadline. As most seniors schedule mission electives during winter and spring quarters and three months advance notice is required for a mission elective placement, SIMS reserves the right to decline applications for winter and spring quarter electives after the last day of fall quarter.

WINTER QUARTER

January – March

Placement Period – Final Phase. SIMS finalizes all placements for mission electives, preferably by the end of January.

General Travel Period. The majority of seniors begin traveling to overseas hospitals.

SPRING QUARTER

April – June

Late Travel Period. During this period, most seniors have completed or will soon complete their electives. Only a small percentage of seniors begin travel as late as April or May.

Post-Elective Requirements. After returning from their electives, students must submit the required documentation to complete their course requirements.