

FUNDING SOURCES FOR HEALTHCARE ELECTIVES

Generic advice

- The BMA has some advice in its Electives for Medical Students booklet
www.medschools.ac.uk/AboutUs/Projects/Documents/BMA%20Electives%20Medical%20Students%20Nov%202009.pdf
- The Electives Network from the MDU www.electives.net/blog/post/2011/11/8/money-money-money-how-to-get-funds-for-an-overseas-elective

General grants

- Royal Colleges of Physicians www.rcplondon.ac.uk/research/funding-and-awards/travelling-fellowships-and-bursaries/rcp-medical-student-elective-bursar
- British Medical and Dental Student Trust
www.medschools.ac.uk/Students/electives/Pages/British-Medical-and-Dental-Student-Trust.aspx
- The Round Table Trust can provide help with the cost of flights
www.roundtable.co.uk/why-us/community/?gclid=CPX94ark8LoCFafMtAodpAMA7w
- Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland (MDDUS) – The MDDUS also administers the British Medical & Dental Student Trust, a charitable organisation that offers travel scholarships to medical and dental students undertaking their electives abroad.
www.mddus.com/student/electives/elective-travel-scholarship.aspx
- Dental Protection Elective site – advice and competitions for members
www.dentalprotection.org
- Medical Service Missionaries <http://medicalseviceministries.org.uk/grants/>

Specific specialties

- Royal Society of Medicine offer prizes related to different specialties:
www.rsm.ac.uk/academ/awards/
- Pathological Society Bursaries for Undergraduate Electives – The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland is offering a number of bursaries to undergraduate students of medicine, dentistry or biomedical science to enable them to work for elective or vacation periods in departments of pathology in universities, medical schools, NHS laboratories or research institutes in the United Kingdom or overseas.
www.pathsoc.org/index.php/grants-lectures-awards/education-grants/undergraduate-bursary
- The St. Francis Leprosy Guild also provide funding for elective students
www.stfrancisleprosy.org/

- British Leprosy Relief Association – It is the policy of LEPRO to encourage medical students wishing to undertake a leprosy assignment overseas. Occasionally they have funded physiotherapy students or students taking a BSc in nursing. For more details see: medweb4.bham.ac.uk/MBCHBOffice/mbchb/SSC%20web%20years/Student%20Selected%20Component%200708/Yr4/SSM6/Bursary/Bursary%20Application%20Forms%2006-07/Lepra_Notes.pdf
- Denis Burkitt Study Awards - the scheme provides up to 10 awards of £750 for students of medicine, nutrition science and related subjects in the UK and Ireland, who wish to undertake an elective or other studies approved by their institution. Preference is given to those wishing to pursue studies in developing nations on food and nutrition and their relationships to health and disease within any age group. For more information visit frog.kingsbridgecollege.org.uk/frogweb/OldIntranet/departments/technology/nutrition/awards/burkitt.htm
- Many medical specialty societies (eg BAPRAS, BOTAs) and royal colleges have bursaries – see the list at www.money4medstudents.org/your-elective

Specific place/type of hospital

- Beit Trust for students visiting Malawi, Zambia or Zimbabwe for a minimum of 6 weeks www.medschools.ac.uk/Students/electives/Pages/Beit-Trust-Medical-Elective-Bursaries.aspx
- Christians in Overseas Service Trust (COST) gives grants of £250 to students going to Christian hospitals www.cost-uk.org
- EMMS International offers grants to healthcare students going to mission hospitals. *Only open to students studying in Scotland, N.Ireland and developing countries* www.emms.org/our-work/issues/student-bursaries

Other lists

- Money 4 MedStudents elective bursary list www.money4medstudents.org/your-elective
- Money 4 Medstudents list of Charitable Trusts www.money4medstudents.org/list-of-charitable-trusts#Onlineresources
- Lists of trusts www.trustfunding.org.uk/default.aspx
- The Medic's Guide to work and electives by Mark Wilson has a directory of elective and travel bursaries
- A Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need - this is a book by Directory of Social Change. It costs £16.95 but should be in libraries.