

## Elective funding sources

### General places to look

- Your University
  - Read your elective handbook carefully
  - Are there competitions or bursaries that run each academic year? If you do not know, ask your staff
- The Electives Network
  - <https://www.electives.net/splash>
  - Has some great tips on planning an elective and a library of funding opportunities
- Medical Schools Council
  - <https://www.medschools.ac.uk/studying-medicine/medical-student-electives/elective-bursaries>
  - Has a great list of organisations providing elective bursaries
- Work the World
  - <https://www.worktheworld.co.uk/grants-and-bursaries>
  - Has some great tips on planning an elective and a library of funding opportunities
- Royal Benevolent Fund
  - <https://rmbf.org/medical-students/your-elective/>
  - Has some great tips on planning an elective and a library of funding opportunities
- Funds online
  - <https://fundsonline.org.uk/search/>
  - This is funding search engine, you may find some useful stuff on there

### Tips

There is usually a closing date for applying to these bursaries and they're often due in first term  
Travel, accommodation, and food are obvious costs but consider that there may be a charge for:  
Submitting an application for the elective placement and the placement itself  
Immunisations and HIV prophylaxis  
Travel insurance

If you're struggling to fund a long elective abroad, check with your medical school if you can do part of your elective in the UK

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Name of organisation	URL	Notes
Any – Christians in Overseas Service Trust Limited	<a href="http://www.cost-uk.org/">http://www.cost-uk.org/</a>	Offered to British Christians wishing to work overseas who need additional help with their funding
Any - Royal College of Physicians Glasgow	<a href="https://rcpsg.ac.uk/awards-and-scholarships/medical-elective-scholarship">https://rcpsg.ac.uk/awards-and-scholarships/medical-elective-scholarship</a>	£1000 bursary available to student members of the College, studying in the UK
Christian hospital – EMMS International	<a href="https://www.emms.org/">https://www.emms.org/</a> Email for bursary enquiries <a href="mailto:secretary@st-lazarus.org.uk">secretary@st-lazarus.org.uk</a>	Offers grants to healthcare students going to mission hospitals
Specialty – Institute of Medical Ethics	<a href="http://www.instituteofmedicalethics.org/website">http://www.instituteofmedicalethics.org/website</a>	Up to £800 to support electives on issues in medical ethics, in the UK or overseas.
Specialty - Pathological Society	<a href="https://www.pathsoc.org/index.php/grants-lectures-awards/education-grants/undergraduate-bursary">https://www.pathsoc.org/index.php/grants-lectures-awards/education-grants/undergraduate-bursary</a>	Offer £200 per week (up to 8 weeks) to support research projects in pathology or gain experience in diagnostic departments during elective or vacation periods
Specialty - Royal Society of Medicine	<a href="https://www.rsm.ac.uk/prizes-and-awards/prizes-for-students/">https://www.rsm.ac.uk/prizes-and-awards/prizes-for-students/</a>	Offer multiple prizes for different specialties
Specialty - St Francis Leprosy Guild	<a href="https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/one-off-grants-elective-students.html">https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/one-off-grants-elective-students.html</a>	Offer grants providing all elective studies are carried out abroad and are primarily concerned with the care and treatment of leprosy
Travel - Round Table	<a href="http://www.roundtable.co.uk/news/round-table-trust">http://www.roundtable.co.uk/news/round-table-trust</a>	Travel grants offered to young people from Britain and Ireland who volunteer for community service projects overseas for at least 3 weeks