

Clinical Elective / Practical Year at the University Medical Center Freiburg

The University Medical Center Freiburg welcomes medical students from Germany and abroad who wish to expand their practical and clinical skills in a clinical elective / medical traineeship (so-called Famulatur).

We accept students for clinical electives in all clinical subjects and in some theoretical-clinical institutes. Acceptance is subject to qualification of the applicant and availability. Our medical trainees work directly on the patients' bedside under guidance, supervision, and responsibility of their mentoring doctor, on the basis of the skills and knowledge they have to acquire within their medical programme. Details of the duties are regulated individually within a contract, which is to be signed before the commencement of duties.

Application

Please apply at least 6 months in advance of the preferred start of the elective, directly at the respective clinic (cf. list with contact persons). If you wish to do more than one elective, you need to apply for each elective separately.

Please submit your application including the following documents:

- Application letter
- CV
- German language certificate for non-native speakers (where required)
- Proof of student status
- health certificate and a certificate of vaccination Copy of ID or passport
- Non-EU residents: A valid work permit for the duration of the elective must be handed in after acceptance.

Elective Dates

Electives must be four weeks or longer. In general, electives start on the first Monday of the month and end on the last Friday of the month. Special time arrangements are not centrally organized but can only be made with the clinics and departments of the electives.

Fees

No fee is required for clinical electives.

Living and Accommodation

The cost of accommodation for a room in Freiburg varies from 300 Euro to 600 Euro per month depending on the type of accommodation. Your living cost will amount to a total of 600-800 Euro per month (including accommodation). The University Medical Center Freiburg and the University of Freiburg cannot offer free housing or organize housing.

Insurances

Medical trainees are required and responsible for sufficient insurance coverage. Students enrolled at the University of Freiburg or any other German university must submit their confirmation of enrolment as a verification of their insurances.

Students doing their electives within the Erasmus Placement Programme (Student Mobility for Traineeship) and all other EU and non-EU trainees must submit a valid health and malpractice insurance.

Immunization protection

All medical trainees should have effective immunisation protection especially against hepatitis B, measles, mumps, and German measles. The University Medical Center Freiburg may ask for a health certificate and a certificate of vaccination for reasons of operational and health issues for the protection of the medical trainee, the University Medical Center, and third persons.

Knowledge of German

Applicants are generally required to have excellent German language knowledge at the Level B2 or higher (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Language CEFR). Exceptions can only be made in cases of traineeships without patient contact and following previous agreement.