

## Research Electives

Learners wishing to expand upon research goals during the fourth year of the MD program may apply to complete a 2 to 4 week research elective. This opportunity exists only for learners who have a research project planned and approved by ethics if necessary prior to the start date of the elective. The research elective must be completed at a university-affiliated site or teaching hospital and the research supervisor must hold a faculty appointment.

### Applying for a Research Elective

Once the learner identifies a potential research elective, the learner must submit an application via the [AFMC Student Portal](#) at a minimum of eight weeks prior to the start of the elective. Learners wishing to complete a research elective internationally must seek pre-approval from the Global Health Office.

In addition to the AFMC Student Portal application, the learner must also provide the following information to the [UGME Electives Academic Program Assistant](#) at least one (1) month prior to the requested research elective start date:

1. The name/title of the proposed research elective.
2. The name of the preceptor who is available to supervise the research elective. (Reminder that the preceptor must hold an academic rank within their own faculty.
3. Email correspondence from the preceptor confirming they have accepted the role of research elective supervisor. This confirmation must include the learner's name, name of the research elective, dates of the research elective, and location (must be in university affiliated centre or a teaching hospital).

The request will be considered by the Electives Coordinator, and the approval or denial will be communicated to the learner via email.

### The Supervisor's Role

The supervisor will provide direction for the learner regarding the research project and will be responsible for ensuring that the learner is present and research deliverables are met. Learners must complete the research elective in the same geographical location as the supervisor. The learner and supervisor are required to meet in person on a regular basis during the elective. \*The research elective, including meetings with the supervisor, may be carried out on a virtual basis if deemed necessary due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The learner is required to submit the following documents to the supervisor as soon as possible:

- a brief report describing the research experience; and
- a copy of the resulting abstract (if the learner will be co-authoring a publication).

At the end of the elective, the supervisor is required to complete an In-Training Assessment Report (ITAR) of the learner's performance via One45.