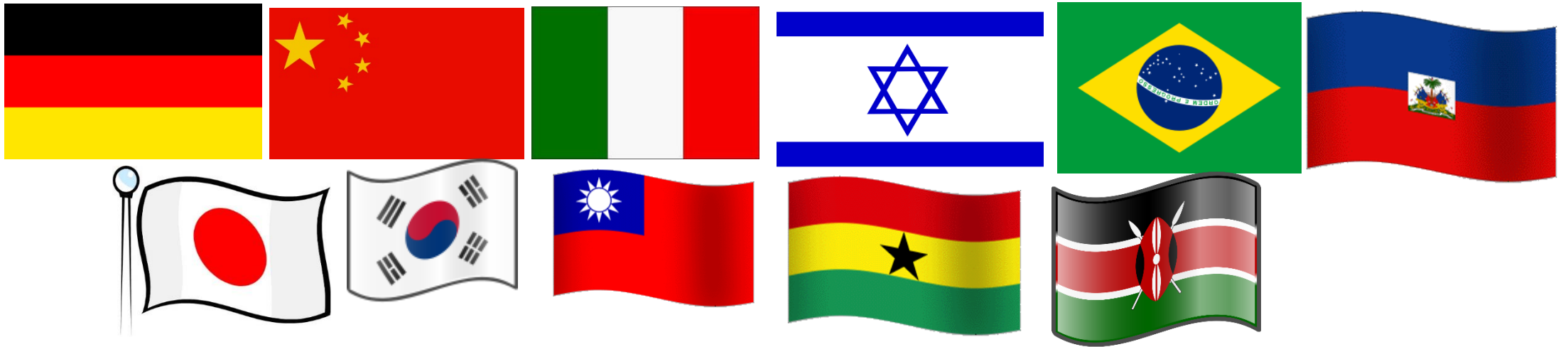


INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE Opportunities at AMS



Why participate in an international exchange experience?

Some of the personal and professional benefit are:

- Comparative health care systems
- Communication skills
- Awareness of social determinates of health
- Clinical reasoning
- Cultural competency
- Leadership
- Learning a different approach to interaction with patients
- Fun!

Difference between an Exchange and Clinical Elective and an Independent Study

An **Exchange elective is a clinical experience outside the US** in which the AMS student is hosted by a foreign medical school and treated like a student of that school. Each exchange program has an MOU which delineates how many students can participate and any specific timeframe for them to rotate. There is an **application process** and a Brown faculty member who is identified as the liaison for the exchange. That faculty member completes the evaluations for the AMS students who participate. Once approved, AMS students would be registered under the course number for that particular exchange program.

An **International Independent Study (IS)** is when an AMS student is working with a Brown faculty member who sponsors them on a rotation or research project that takes place internationally. It may or may not be at an international medical school. Please see the [AMS Records and Registration site](#) for more details about the applying for international independent study.

Other Medical Electives taken internationally - such as the Kenya or Dominican Republic electives - are initially approved as electives by the Medical Curriculum Committee. Each of these electives has a Brown faculty member as course leader and a separate course number. These are clinical experiences that usually take place at one or two times a year at the course leader decision. Students register by emailing the course leader.

AMS Exchange Elective Opportunities

Part of Exchange Application Process

Country	University	Brown Faculty Liaison	Total Number of AMS slots 1 month electives)	Travel Funding	Housing	Board
Brazil	University of Sao Paulo Faculty of Medicine	Hugo Yamada, MD, Hugo.Yamada@chartercare.org	2	\$500	Yes	No
China	Zhejiang University School of Medicine, Hangzhou	Jie Tang, jie_tang@brown.edu	2	\$1,250/mo	Yes	Yes
Germany	University of Rostock	Timothy Empkie, Timothy_Empkie@brown.edu Karen Tashima, KTashima@lifespan.org	1	No	Help finding	No
Germany	University of Tuebingen	Gerardo Carino, GCarino@lifespan.org for winter Critical Care course and electives	5 (Critical Care 2 weeks Feb) 4 elective	\$500 (CC course only)	Yes	Yes
Italy	University of Bologna	Gerardo Carino, GCarino@lifespan.org	4	No	Help finding	No
Japan	Kyoto University Faculty of Medicine	Taro Minami, Taro_Minami@brown.edu	3 (preference for April)	\$550 upon arrival(approx from Yen)	No	No
Japan	Kurume University School of Medicine	Taro Minami, Taro_Minami@brown.edu	6	\$1,000	Yes	No
Japan	Tokyo Women's Medical University	Taro Minami, Taro_Minami@brown.edu	1	\$1,000/mo	Yes	No
S. Korea	EWHA Women's University	Susan Cu-Uvin, SCu-Uvin@lifespan.org	2	No	Yes	No
Taiwan	National Cheng Kung University School of Medicine	James Sung, MD, C_Sung@brown.edu	4	\$1,250/mo	Yes	No
Ghana	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology	Kwame Dapaah-Afriyie, MD, KDapaahAfriyie@lifespan.org	2	No	Help finding	No
Israel	Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, Technion	Rami Kantor, RKantor@brown.edu	2	*Up to \$3000 from Nathan-Giddon gift	*	*
Other International Elective Opportunities- (Not part of exchange application process)						
Kenya	Moi University, School of Medicine	E. Jane Carter, e_jane_carter@brown.edu Deb Banerjee, banerjed19@gmail.com	varies	no	housing available	
Dominican Republic	Jose Maria Cabral y Baez Hospital	Martha C. Sanchez, MD (martha_sanchez@br	varies	no	housing provided	

Exchange Elective Sites & Faculty Coordinators :

Brazil: University of Sao Paulo Faculty of Medicine: [Dr. Hugo Yamada](#)

China: Zhejiang University School of Medicine, Hangzhou: [Dr. Jie Tang](#) (MOU pending renewal. As of Aug, 2023)

Germany: University Of Rostock: [Dr. Timothy Empkie and Karen Tashima](#)

Germany: University Of Tuebingen: [Dr. Gerardo Carino](#)

Ghana: Kwame Nkrumah University Of Science and Technology: [Dr. Kwame Dapaah-Afriyie](#)

Israel: Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, Technion: [Dr. Rami Kantor](#)

Italy: University of Bologna: [Dr. Gerardo Carino](#)

Japan: Tokyo Women's Medical University: [Dr. Taro Minami](#) (MOU pending renewal)

Japan: Kurume University School of Medicine: [Dr. Taro Minami](#)

Japan: Kyoto University Faculty of Medicine: [Dr. Taro Minami](#)

South Korea: Ewha Womans University: [Dr. Susan Cu-Uvin](#) (MOU pending renewal)

Taiwan: National Cheng Kung University School of Medicine: [Dr. James Sung](#)



AMS Exchange Elective Application Process

- Contact faculty liaisons to discussion opportunity* may be email, phone or in person depending on the faculty but start with email please.
- Complete Application with Essay by **September 29, 2023 by 5pm**
Send to [Eileen Caffrey@brown.edu](mailto:Eileen_Caffrey@brown.edu)
- You may **apply to up to 3 exchanges-you must RANK** and **on the same application form indicate your rationale for each program**. You just inform the faculty of each program that you are applying for other programs and give your PREFERENCE. Preference may be given to those who indicate one clear exchange.
- Anyone who will attend ANY exchange program may indicate this by checking the appropriately labeled box and we will contact you after the first round of acceptances of what we have to offer you.
- Committee review and assign exchanges with **notification mid-October** At this time the faculty will sign all the forms required (they do NOT have to be signed in advance)
- ACCEPTANCE of SPOT by **November 30, 2023** is “binding” as a professional courtesy to our exchange programs* you have up to 3 months prior to the elective to withdraw but must notify Eileen Caffrey Wright ([Eileen Caffrey@brown.edu](mailto:Eileen_Caffrey@brown.edu)) and the appropriate faculty liaison with a clear explanation

AMS Exchange Elective Application Process After Acceptance

- Pre-travel orientation will vary for each site and will be initiated by site faculty liaison. The Global Health Initiative will be in contact at least 6 weeks before travel to discuss plans and university travel requirements. Please reach out with any questions.
([Eileen Caffrey@brown.edu](mailto:Eileen_Caffrey@brown.edu))
- Please familiarize yourself with the [International Travel Risk Management site](#) and review information, guidance and requirements.
- US Dept State issues [travel advisories](#) for each country that are updated as needed.
 - If your destination is considered high risk travel (Level 3), you must submit a Safety Plan (via TravelSafe) to the Global Travel Risk and Assessment Committee (GTRAC) no later than 8 weeks in advance of your planned travel for approval. As of August, 2023, China is the only Exchange Elective country that is listed as high risk (Level 3) by the US Dept of State.

Other International Elective Opportunities

(Not part of exchange application process)

These longstanding electives are arranged separately and administered by the Dept. of Medicine. You need to contact the faculty directly for more information and application process.

Kenya (administered by Internal Medicine):

Moi University School of Medicine and Brown University MOU in place- bilateral exchange

Liaisons: Deb Banerjee(banerjed19@gmail.com) and E. Jane Carter, MD (e_jane_carter@brown.edu)

AMS Slots: Variable, but usually no capacity issues

Travel Funding: No, Housing: Provided (\$40/week as of February 2020), Board: Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner available for \$5/day (for both meals)

Dominican Republic (Internal Medicine, non-exchange):

Hospital Regional Universitario Jose Maria Cabral y Baez

Liaison: Martha C. Sanchez, MD (martha_sanchez@brown.edu, Martha.Sanchez@lifespan.org)

AMS Slots: 4-8 (depending on number of residents concurrently attending)

Travel Funding: None, Housing: Provided, Board: Not included, Language Requirement: “Intermediate level Spanish”

More information

- Please note, we are working to update [AMS International Exchange Website](#) and other international exchange materials for 2023-24. Some information including deadlines is outdated.
- Please see [AMS International Elective Guide](#), created by Evan Stern, MD '20 in 2020. Deadlines and some site details may be out of date.
- If you have questions about the application process or overall international opportunities, please contact Eileen Caffrey Wright, Manager, Global Health Initiative. Eileen_Caffrey@brown.edu