



“I can only recommend that medical students get to know a foreign health system. The US education system in Medicine is really very good. I was quite lucky to have a very nice attending, who was both competent and student friendly.”

Samuel Afan  
1st elective student from Cologne in UPMC

“The University of Pittsburgh and CIO wish to take advantage of the complementary strengths of the two institutions in the field of cancer research and education.”

From the memorandum of understanding signed by both institutions in June 2008

“The student will have firsthand experience and close interactions with the teaching staff, as well as other residents and fellows. They do get to interview patients and examine them, then assess the diagnostic and treatment plans in conjunction with the teaching staff.”

Dr. Mounzer Agha, Hematology attending at UPMC

## Who can I talk to?

For information about the cooperation with the University of Pittsburgh and the application procedure please contact:

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## Clinical elective in Pittsburgh University of Pittsburgh Medical Center UPMC



### Application guideline



## 5 good reasons why to apply for an elective at the UPMC

### A unique opportunity

to take advantage of the US system which provides well organized and cutting edge graduate and postgraduate medical training.

### Work in small medical teams

where you can benefit from an intense and supportive learning atmosphere.  
Perfect for your CV! As you can intensify your English and intercultural skills.

### Save \$2100 tuition fees!

The program is based on a well established cooperation between UPMC and the CIO Cologne Bonn and recommended students only need to pay \$50 application fees.

### Benefit from a big hospital network!

UPMC is a network of 19 hospitals and 40 day care units that provide the western part of the US state of Pennsylvania. Elective students usually get to know two different hospitals.

### Study a broad spectrum of diseases!

Cancer affects any organ system. Thus, every specialist will treat cancer patients at some point. Take this chance to learn more about general oncology issues: treatment options for different neoplasias, application and side-effects of chemotherapy, infectious disease management in cancer patients, palliative care, and many more!

## How does the application procedure look like?

Applicants are asked to submit their CV attached to a motivation letter and an official school transcript of the Medical Faculty of the University of Cologne to Dr. Cornelia von Levetzow (see the back of the flyer for the exact address).

Note: Applications for all three trimesters should be submitted to Dr. Cornelia v. Levetzow by mid June of the 5th medical year.

After an interview and upon acceptance the applicants will receive a letter of credentials from the CIO. Currently 2 - 4 students are recommended per year.

### Required documents (further information on [www.cio-koeln-bonn.de](http://www.cio-koeln-bonn.de)):

- "Antrag auf Genehmigung eines PJ-Auslandterials im Fach Innere Medizin"
- filled out form for the Office of International Student Affairs in Pittsburgh
- copies of medical study certificates
- financial support statement (estimated costs for 8 weeks are 2250 US dollars)
- travel health insurance (plus professional and liability insurance)
- immunization record
- TOEFL/IBT/IELTS
- Pennsylvania State specific clearances (criminal background, FBI fingerprinting)

## Anything I shall watch out for?

### Dress Code:

shirt and tie/blouse underneath a short\* white coat, long dress trousers (no miniskirts) and leathern shoes (no sneakers).

\* students are supposed to wear short coats, discuss with your attending whether you can use your long German coat for the 8 weeks!

### Useful literature:

- Medical English literature
- First Aid for the USMLE Step 2 CS
- a handy pocket medicine book
- Reference book to learn the American names of medications

### Responsibilities and daily assignments (example):

- working hours: from 9 am to 5 pm
- no night shifts
- rounds (Visite): from 9 am to 12 pm in the inpatient unit
- advanced training with free lunch at 12 pm
- In/Outpatient unit service from 1 to 5 pm:
  1. patient admission and follow-up
  2. medical history taking
  3. physical exam
  4. diagnosis: lab values, imaging, pathology
  5. suggestion of therapy options
  6. dictation and/or writing notes
- performance of medical procedures like blood drawing, bone marrow biopsies, or writing of consultation enquiries is taught by physician assistants/nurses
- sign out and summary at the end of the day

*optional: ask your attending (Oberarzt) whether you can have your own patients to follow up till the day of their discharge*