

## Exchange Conditions of : Iceland - IMSIC

**Level of studies:** Students must have begun their clinical period of studies.

**Type of Clerkship:** Clinical clerk ships.

Preclinical students may apply on special agreement.

**Languages:** A good command of English is compulsory for a clinical clerkship in Iceland. Swedish, Danish and Norwegian is also spoken by many health professionals in Iceland.

We recommend at least level B1 of CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference) in English.

Check: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common\\_European\\_Framework\\_of\\_Reference\\_for\\_Languages](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_European_Framework_of_Reference_for_Languages)

**Duration of Clerkship:** All clerkships are four weeks in duration.

**Working Conditions:** Working hours are 4-8 hours/day on weekdays depending on the department. The student should bring his own stethoscope but a white coat will be supplied by the hospital, clothing is casual.

**Available Departments:** Allergy & Clinical Immunology | Anaesthesia | Dermatology | Dermatovenereology | Emergency Medicine | Forensic Medicine | Geriatrics | Gynaecology/Obstetrics | Hematology | Immunology | Infectious Diseases | Intensive and Critical Care | Internal Medicine-Cardiology | Internal Medicine-Endocrinology | Internal Medicine-Gastroenterology | Internal Medicine-General | Internal Medicine-Hematology | Internal Medicine-Invasive Cardiology | Internal Medicine-Nephrology | Internal Medicine-Noninvasive Cardiology | Internal Medicine-Pulmonary | Internal Medicine-Rheumatology | Microbiology | Musculoskeletal | Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine | Neurology | Oncology | Ophthalmology | Otorhinolaryngology | Paediatrics | Primary Care | Psychiatry | Radiology | Radiotherapy | Respiratory Medicine | Surgery-Cardiothoracic Surgery | Surgery-Cardiovascular Surgery | Surgery-Gastrointestinal Surgery | Surgery-General | Surgery-Hand Surgery | Surgery-Head and Neck Surgery | Surgery-Maxillo-facial Surgery | Surgery-Neurosurgery | Surgery-Orthopedics | Surgery-Plastic Surgery | Surgery-Shoulder & Elbow Surgery | Surgery-Thoracic Surgery | Surgery-Transplantation Surgery | Surgery-Vascular Surgery | Traumatology | Urology |

**Disciplines:** Most disciplines (except Psychiatry, sleep disorders etc.) are available but due to the variable availability of some departments we cannot guarantee our incoming students their department of first choice. Students may rotate between their choices.

We recommend surgery departments for students that don't speak English fluently.

**Periods & Towns:** July – August

Periods can begin sometime during the first week of the month but cannot stretch into the following month.

Reykjavik – capital of Iceland, 2 major hospitals

**Application documents & deadline:** The SCOPE Application Form

Letter of motivation.

Copy of passport

Photo

Insurance certificate

Language certificate

Certificate from medical university

These four certificates needs to be shown the first day at the hospital (very important):

Certificate that applicant is MRSA negative (see below in special remarks)

Certificate that applicant is Tuberculosis negative (Mantoux test or x-ray)

Certificate that applicant is vaccinated against Hepatitis B

Certificate that applicant has had infant vaccinations

Application deadline:

July and August: March Meeting

Students are asked to send the Card of Confirmation as soon as possible and give us information about date, arrival time and flight number.

Students need to fill out the students handbook to get certificate.

**Digital documents required:** We Accept only documents by e-mail. Please send them to the Icelandic NEO, neoiceland@yahoo.com.

**Card of Acceptance deadline (weeks in advance): 8**

**Card of Confirmation deadline (weeks in advance): 4**

**Insurance:** Travel/Health insurance is the only insurance that incoming students need.

Incoming students may be required to pay insurance fee at the beginning of their stay for the lodging, which will be reimbursed at the end of the period if no damage is done.

**Pocket Money:** No pocket money is supplied.

**Board & Lodging:** Room and Board is arranged through the hospital. Full board is not provided but the student will receive food tokens (or equal amount of money) that equal one hot meal per day.

The Unilateral fee is 350 Euros.

**Social Program:** Social program is arranged by members of IMSIC. Usually one day trip and one weekend trip. Party's and cafe meetings.

**Substitutions:** Preferred over cancellations

**Cancellations:** Information about canceled clerk ships should be sent to the NEO by e-mail, neoiceland@yahoo.com

**Visas:** For information regarding visa affairs see:

Directorate of Immigration: <http://www.utl.is/english/information/visatoiceland.html>

**Special remarks:** - To be allowed to work at the hospital incoming students are required to present an MRSA certificate declaring them free of Methicillin-resistant S.aureus colonization. The student should not enter a hospital once the test has been done before they come to Iceland. Hepatitis B vaccination is compulsory.

- We provide bed sheets and the hospital provides a white coat, but students have to bring their own stethoscope and sleeping bags for camping. Those with small portable tents are urged to bring them.

- When the student arrives in Keflavik Airport, they should take the "Flybus" to BSI (the main bus station). An IMSIC representative will meet the student there and show them to their lodging as well as show them around the hospital, canteen etc.

**More info Link:** [wiki.ifmsa.org/scope/index.php?title=Iceland](http://wiki.ifmsa.org/scope/index.php?title=Iceland)

**These Exchange Conditions are valid until:** 2014-08-01

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