Radiology Global Elective: Guidelines and Policies for UMass Chan Medical Students

**Description:**

The Radiology Global Elective is available to rising 4th year UMass Chan medical students in good academic standing. The student will identify and participate in a research project at a host academic institution in a foreign country under the supervision of a mentor in the UMass Chan Radiology Department and a mentor at the host institution. A stipend of $4000 will be provided by the radiology department to one student each year. The selected student will have to follow institutional guidelines and secure all required documentation to be eligible for the stipend.

**Objectives:**

The elective is structured to develop the skills of the student in hypothesis driven research in the field of radiology in an international setting. To this end, the student will:

1. Develop an understanding of the research question including perform literature searches to gain sufficient background in the field, define project methods and describe measurable objectives for the project.
2. Foster research collaboration between UMass Chan Medical School clinicians and academic institutions abroad.

**Key Responsibilities of the Student:**

1. Identify a mentor in the UMass Chan Department of Radiology and the host academic institution abroad.
2. Submit a summary of the measurable objectives at the end of the elective to mentors.
3. Write up the results of the project as an abstract submitted to a medical conference or submit a written paper to an appropriate clinical journal.

**Application information:**

Please submit a written project proposal to the Radiology Department Education Committee. The proposal must include a project description, measurable project objectives, duration of project, name of the host institution, and names of mentors at UMass Chan and host institution. Please send applications to Beena Gopalkrishnan (beena.gopalkrishnan@umassmed.edu).

**Deadline:** July 1st of 4th year

**Months offered:** All year

**Duration minimum:** 1 month

**Note:** After an applicant is selected by the Radiology Department for funding, the student is responsible for notifying the International Medical Education Program (IMEP) office via email (imep-ghp@umassmed.edu) which will require paperwork and travel registration in order to approve travel. Please contact the IMEP office at least 3 months prior to the elective to initiate the process.