Global Health Education Programs
Senior Clinical Elective in Hangzhou, China
Spring 2018

The UCLA Center for World Health has established a relationship with Zhejiang University School of Medicine in Hangzhou, approximately two hours southwest of Shanghai. There are six affiliated hospitals that are the main teaching hospitals for the School of Medicine, providing a full range of medical services in almost all of the major specialties and subspecialties.

In the spring of 2018, the UCLA Center for World Health will be offering a clinical experience to senior medical students at affiliated teaching sites of the Zhejiang University School of Medicine. The elective will include two weeks at The Second Affiliated Hospital, a modern 2,000 bed tertiary-care hospital located by the picturesque West Lake in Hangzhou. Students will spend one week on a specialty service of their choice, participating in rounds and case conferences, and seeing patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Students will also spend one week on the Traditional Chinese Medicine Service, learning about the traditional treatment of common diseases, acupuncture and Chinese massage. The third week of the rotation will be spent about three hours away from Hangzhou, in the community of Duze, where students will work at community health centers serving patients from the Wuxi River community and the surrounding remote mountainous region. Students will participate in health screening and promotion, and maternal and child health clinics. During this week at the rural community health center, students will be paired with medical students from Zhejiang University, to share the experience with them.

The rotation in China has been developed with formal goals and objectives. We are seeking students with an interest in learning about different health care systems, about traditional Chinese medicine, and about health service delivery in both urban and community settings. Students will be expected to demonstrate the highest level of maturity, professionalism, and cultural sensitivity. Students will be supervised by attending faculty members, and will work alongside local residents and medical students from the Zhejiang University School of Medicine. Based on past student experiences, fluency in Mandarin is highly encouraged for this rotation.

Interviews for the elective will take place on Saturday, October 7, 2018, with a few additional time slots during the following week. Students selected for this rotation are required to participate in a full day pre-departure training program in Los Angeles on Saturday, January 20, 2018. Upon return home from China, students will be expected to provide feedback through written evaluation forms, and participate in a mandatory lunchtime feedback session on Thursday, May 31, 2018.

Students will receive $2,000 of support for the China clinical rotation upon return from China. These funds will offset the costs of roundtrip airfare and in-country expenses. Students will need to cover the remaining expenses from other funds, as the cost of this rotation will exceed the amount provided.

Rotation dates for the China elective have been confirmed. Students applying to this elective must be able to commit to this elective from March 26, 2018 through April 13, 2018. Note that a March 26 start date will require departure from the U.S. by March 24, 2017, at the latest.

Questions regarding this rotation should be directed to Dr. Traci Wells at twells@mednet.ucla.edu. Thank you for your interest in this clinical opportunity in China!