Chennai is India’s fourth largest city, with a population of nearly 9 million. It is known as “The Gateway to South India” and a starting point for travel throughout southern India. The clinical experience in Chennai, India will take place mostly at Sundaram Medical Foundation (SMF), Dr. Rangarajan Memorial Hospital. SMF is a community-centered teaching hospital that provides health-care delivery with a team of highly qualified doctors, residents, nurses and other paramedical personnel. This multispecialty hospital was established in 1990 with the goal of providing quality health care that is also cost-effective. More information about the hospital may be found on the hospital website http://www.smfhospital.org/.

Your elective can be tailored to your interests, with educational opportunities in Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Obstetrics-Gynecology, Pediatrics, Orthopedics, Anesthesia, Emergency Medicine, Intensive Care and ENT.

It is recommended to choose a minimum of two weeks in the specialty of your choice, while the other week may be spent in community activities and your choice of shorter postings (i.e. Dermatology, Pulmonology, Ophthalmology, Nephrology, ICU, Endocrinology, Urology, Infectious Diseases, Pediatric Surgery, GI). You will also spend several days, which may include one Saturday, participating in activities with International Alliance for the Prevention of AIDS (IAPA). More information can be found about this organization here: http://iapaindia.org/india-programs/.

Interviews for this elective will take place on October 7, 2017, 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 India, students will be expected to provide feedback through written evaluation forms, and participate in a mandatory lunchtime feedback session on May 31, 2018.

Students will receive $2,000 of support for the India clinical rotation. These funds are awarded upon completion of the rotation to help defray the costs of roundtrip airfare and in-country accommodation and food. Students will need to cover the remaining expenses from other funds, as the cost of this rotation will exceed the amount provided by the Center for World Health.

Rotation dates for this elective have been confirmed. **Students applying to this three-week 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, 2018, 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 India!