

Elective Opportunity



King's Global Health Partnerships – Elective Opportunity

Advert

Summary

King's Global Health Partnerships (KGHP) is inviting two students from King's College London to undertake an elective programme in Freetown, Sierra Leone from January – March 2023. Student's will undertake their elective at Connaught Hospital and will be supported by our in-country and London based teams.

King's Global Health Partnerships

King's Global Health Partnerships (KGHP) works with health facilities, academic institutions, and governments to strengthen health systems and improve the quality of care in four countries: Somaliland, Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia. We bring together health, academic and international development expertise from King's College London, the UK's National Health Service (NHS) and our international partners to:

- Educate, train and support healthcare workers
- Strengthen healthcare and training institutions
- Enhance national health policies and systems.

Our programmes are delivered in partnership with African health professionals. Our UK volunteers come from the UK health sector and have a range of clinical, academic and educational expertise. They work alongside our partners to deliver technical advice, teaching, training, and distance mentoring and on the job support.

King's Sierra Leone Partnership

KGHP has been working in Sierra Leone to help strengthen the health system and improve the quality of care since 2011. We work with our partners to provide education and training of healthcare workers, and to strengthen clinical services, policy, and research. Key partners include University of Sierra Leone Teaching Hospitals Complex Connaught Hospital (USLTHC), the College of Medicine & Allied Health Sciences (COMAHS) and the Ministry of Health & Sanitation (MOHS).

Timing

This placement is for 8 weeks between January 30th and March 24th. Successful students will need to be in communication with KGHP in the lead up to this placement to ensure that they are fully prepared for this trip.

Activities

There will be a number of different activities that you will be able to participate in for your elective – working alongside our partners throughout. Some examples of work you can be involved in are:

- **Observing clinical work** – ward rounds, meeting medical students
- **Project work** – assisting a long-term volunteer with established projects
- **Research/audits** – assisting with ongoing projects

Opportunities will be available across various clinical areas – except for paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology.

Previous elective project activity areas have included:

- Medical student satisfaction surveys
- Patient safety and hand hygiene
- Surgical wound site infection
- Medical equipment inventory audit

You will be supported to identify an appropriate elective project by the in-country team based at Connaught Hospital.

Expectations

Successful candidates are required to understand and commit to our partnership values – working respectfully and constructively with our Sierra Leonean partners. You will be working in a challenging environment and whilst we recognise at times this may not be easy, you will benefit from being proactive and maximising this opportunity. We expect you to show an awareness and an understanding of your positionality within this working environment and to recognise that this is not voluntourism.

In addition, you will be expected to fund the following:

- Flights
- Accommodation and living costs
- Visa on arrival (\$80) and residency permit in country (~£50)
- Vaccinations and anti-malarial drugs – if acquired outside of KCH

Our offer to you

We will provide you with the following:

- Pre-departure and in-country induction
- In-country and remote support (from the London office)
- Support in accessing flight deals and options with our travel supplier
- Support in obtaining residency permits

- Support in finding accommodation
- Transport to and from work
- Support in accessing a travel health appointment with King's College Hospital
- Enrolment onto King's College London Travel Insurance policy at no cost.
- Medical indemnity cover

Application

Please submit a CV and a cover letter to kghp@kcl.ac.uk before 23:59 on Sunday 2nd October. Candidates are encouraged to talk about their strengths and interests within their cover letter, outline the type of project they are looking to undertake, and discuss why they would like to join KGHP for this opportunity.

Please refer to our website to see some of our most recent projects, and to understand our thematic areas more widely. If your project falls outside of these parameters, this will not discount you from the application process as we will look to your wider motivations and work with you to find a project that is mutually beneficial.

Thank you for your interest in King's Global Health Partnerships.

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