

2012 International Paediatric Emergency Medicine Elective (IPEME)

**The Peter A. Silverman Centre for International Health,
Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto**

**Canada International Scientific Exchange Program
(CISEPO)**

**The Division of Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Hospital
for Sick Children, Toronto**

Invite applicants to the:

2012 International Paediatric Emergency Medicine Elective (IPEME)

July 9 - August 3, 2012 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Summary

This is a four-week summer elective course in Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Global Health and Leadership for qualifying medical students.

It brings together 12 Canadian, Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian medical students (three from each region) to enhance cross-border understanding, trust, and cooperation among future physician leaders.

IPEME Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, learners will be able to:

1. Understand some of the individual, organizational, societal and global contexts of common paediatric emergency health issues;

2. Consider barriers to health within their respective communities, and how cross-border collaborations might serve as a means to address them;
3. Engage in respectful dialogue and meaningful collaboration with colleagues from different regions;
4. Demonstrate an understanding of common paediatric emergency medicine presentations - their pathophysiology, symptomatology, general approach and management considerations;
5. Critically examine ethically and professionally challenging scenarios commonly encountered in the practice of paediatric emergency medicine
6. Use effective interpersonal and communication skills to interact positively with patients and colleagues;

Demonstrate cross-border collaboration using health care as the vehicle as evidenced by the development of a cross-border health initiative to be taken back to their respective communities upon completion of the course.

Elective Format

NOTE: This is a fully recognized University of Toronto undergraduate medical elective.

Pre-course

Participants will be asked to carry out a needs assessment before coming to Canada. Further details will be made available to the participants upon acceptance.

Course

General Timetable:

- Sessions occur daily from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The program starts on July 9th and ends on August 3rd
- There are compulsory evening social events (1 or 2 each week)
- There are mandatory weekday evening and weekend paediatric emergency medicine shifts
- Remaining evenings and weekends are free for students to do as they please
- Please note: The dates of IPEME are chosen in advance to accommodate the academic schedules of students from all relevant regions. The only dates for 2012 that would be possible given the school year schedules required significant overlap with the month of Ramadan. We recognize this poses a challenge to those who will be observing this holy month, but hope this does not deter applicants. Our best effort to accommodate all students' religious requirements will be made.

Learning Format:

- Small group teaching sessions and discussion forums
- Hands-on clinical skills workshops

- Working shifts in the paediatric emergency department at the Hospital for Sick Children
- Group projects (to be done during the course)
 - Time is set aside for students to work in assigned groups to identify, plan and develop a small-scale cross-border health project
 - Groups will present their project proposals at the end of the course

Expectations:

- Attendance and active participation in **ALL** aspects of the course

Evaluations:

- Student evaluations will be based on:
 - i. Participation in classroom discussions and workshops;
 - ii. Supervisor evaluations in clinical shifts; and
 - iii. The development and presentation of a cross-border health project proposal.
- Successful participants will receive a certificate of completion as well as a letter of recommendation outlining their accomplishments throughout the course

Post course

We encourage ongoing interaction among participants, and strive to build a sustainable cross-border network of peaceful and professional dialogue and collaboration. Every effort will be made to help implement and support those cross-border project proposals developed over the IPEME course.

Eligibility Criteria

The program is open to all Canadian, Israeli, Palestinian, and Jordanian medical students entering their **LAST** two years of medical studies. Eligible Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian students should be registered in their 5th or 6th year of medical studies as of July 2012. Canadian students should be entering or already in their clerkship training. Upon acceptance to the program, participants may be asked to present a letter from their school registrar stating that they are in good standing in their final 2 years of medical studies and that they are expected to graduate in 2014 or sooner.

Students will be selected based on:

- Interest in cross-border cooperation, global health and pediatric emergency medicine
- Proficiency in English (read, written and spoken);
- Academic ability and motivation;
- Adaptability and commitment to continued academic partnership;
- Experience working in small group environments and communication skills;
- Demonstrated Maturity and leadership skills.

Program Costs and Finances

Based on experience the approximate travel, visa and medical exam costs of the program according to each country of origin are:

	Registration Fee	Travel	Visa and Medical Exam	Total (Approximate)
Canadian	\$200	\$600		\$800
Israeli	\$200	\$1,600		\$1,800 USD
Palestinian	\$200	\$1,900	\$475 USD	\$2,525 USD
Jordanian	\$200	\$1,700	\$475 USD	\$2,325 USD

We are seeking the most exceptional students regardless of financial circumstances. Financial restrictions should not be an impediment to participation.

There is a \$200.00 non-refundable registration fee to be paid upon acceptance to the program to secure one's place. Further details will be provided upon acceptance to the program.

Scholarships

As part of the program, all participants will receive:

1. 30-day accommodation with breakfast and dinner
2. A \$200 stipend to cover incidental expenses; and
3. All course materials, course-related local travel and health insurance during the program.

In addition, participants can apply for travel *scholarships to cover airfare (most economic route)/ground transportation and visa-related expenses*).

IPEME scholarships are based solely on financial needs. Scholarships are made available to ensure that financial limitations do not prohibit any of our carefully selected candidates from participating. An application for this scholarship will be sent to students who are selected for the 2012 IPEME elective with their acceptance letter. Once the application is received, *the program admissions committee will review each application and will make decisions based on the demonstrated need and available funds.*

Accommodation

Students will be living in separate rooms in a University of Toronto residence located in downtown Toronto in close proximity to teaching facilities and the Hospital for Sick Children. It is expected that all students will reside in this location.

Notes

1. Arrival and departure to and from Toronto is the participant's responsibility and must coincide with the dates of the program (arrival into Toronto 1 or 2 days in advance of the

program start day and stay for the entire duration of the program is mandatory to receive elective credit)

2. ALL incidental costs not indicated in the above specifications are to be covered by the participants

Application Process

Required Documents

1. **Completed application form**
 - a. Copy of Application form included here. Highlight the form below, complete the file and send to us in **pdf format** via email to IPEME2012@gmail.com with subject line "Student Name application" (e.g. "Jane Doe application")

2012 International Paediatric Emergency Medicine Elective (All fields are mandatory)

APPLICATION FORM

Name (as it appears on your passport):

Surname: _____

Given name/s: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: _____ Citizenship: _____

Mailing Address:

Phone numbers: Mobile Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Emergency Contact number _____

Email: _____

Fax: _____

University:

Expected Year of Graduation: _____

How do you identify yourself (please check all that apply):

Canadian___Jordanian___Palestinian___Israeli___Other (please specify)

Written Questions:

1. Describe a recent occasion during which you took a leadership role. In your answer, consider including what you learned from that experience? **(Maximum 300 words)**
2. Detail your learning expectations and goals for IPEME. **(Maximum 300 words)**
3. Briefly describe obstacles you think you may face in achieving those goals mentioned in Question 2, and how you might consider overcoming them. **(Maximum 150 words)**

2. **Curriculum Vitae**

- a. Limited to no more than three (3) pages
- b. email to IPEME2012@gmail.com with subject line “Student Name CV” (e.g. “Jane Doe CV”)

3. **Letters of Reference**

- a. Two (2) letters required
- b. References should be from professionals who know you personally and can comment upon your suitability for the program based on the above listed criteria
- c. At least one of these letters should be from an academic faculty member at your home institution
- d. Letters should be submitted directly from the references to IPEME2012@gmail.com with subject line “Student Name reference” (e.g. “Jane Doe reference”)

Completed application form and supporting documents must be submitted no later than Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 23:59 EST. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Notification of Acceptance

Successful applicants will be notified of their acceptance by **March 15, 2012**.

Thank you for your interest in the 2012 International Paediatric Emergency Medicine Elective. This application gives you the opportunity to tell us your story. Please devote an appropriate amount of time and effort to answering the questions, providing specific examples whenever possible.

If you have questions about the application or the program in general, please do not hesitate to contact the IPEME team at IPEME2012@gmail.com

Thank you,
The 2012 IPEME Team