

*Class 2000*

## **Proposal for Overseas Elective**

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Proposed country of study: Scotland  
Dates of study: November 1-29, 1999

## Objectives and Description of Proposed Elective

It is my plan to spend a month of study abroad based at the University of Dundee School of Medicine. During this time, I would like to study primary care under the supervision of the physicians of the Tayside Centre for General Practice. Information about the Tayside Centre is attached to this proposal. It provides a brief introduction to the department and its affiliation with the medical school.

I have been in communication with Dr. Gordon McLeay, Honorary Lecturer and Associate Advisor in General Practice at the Tayside Centre, over the past few weeks. He has circulated a letter of introduction and my curriculum vitae throughout the medical community in order to arrange for an "attachment" for me during this month. He is confident that I will find a match with at least one of the physicians associated with the Tayside Centre for the month of November.

The primary objective of this month of study is to improve my skills in physical diagnosis. I was introduced to the art and science of physical diagnosis during the second year of medical school. As that year progressed, I hoped to learn more about this skill during my third year Primary Care clerkship among the Cleveland community. During my research and conversations with local physicians, I learned that the United Kingdom is known for its education of physical diagnosis and that this would be the ideal place for me to study its application. For this reason, I began to explore the possibilities of studying physical diagnosis with in the context of General Practice overseas.

I have proposed a month of study in Scotland to meet this objective. During this time abroad, I plan to study under the direction of at least one General Practitioner of the Tayside Centre. Dr. McLeay and I have discussed the opportunity for both outpatient and inpatient environments in which to learn and develop these skills. In addition, I will attend teaching conferences such as Grand Rounds and lectures for the medical students.

April 23, 1999

Dr. Gordon McLeay  
Honorary Lecturer and Associate Advisor in General Practice  
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Dear Dr. McLeay,

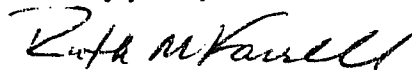
Presently, I am a third year student at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. I am writing to request consideration for an attachment with the physicians at the Tayside Centre for General Practice.

I have the opportunity to enroll in a one month elective abroad during my fourth year. I would like to spend this time building my foundations in primary care at the University of Dundee. I am very interested in the art of physical diagnosis and would like to improve my skills in this area. In addition, I also hope to gain a better understanding of the different approaches to patient care in the international medical community.

I would prefer to study abroad during the month of November. At that time, I will be a fourth year student and will have completed the core clerkships of Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Psychiatry, and Family Medicine. During this month, I would be able to share room and board with my sister, Dr. Elizabeth Farrell, a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Dundee.

An attachment at the Tayside Centre would be a great educational opportunity. I look forward to planning this elective with you and appreciate your generous assistance. I have enclosed a curriculum vitae. Please do not hesitate to contact me by mail, e-mail, or phone if you require additional information.

Sincerely yours,



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