

Letter to Students Attending Offshore or International Medical Schools
(Includes schools not accredited by LCME)

Thank you for your interest in UCSF Fresno.

UCSF Fresno policy states that international students and students from non-LCME certified institutions normally are not accepted to do electives. Occasionally, rare exceptions are made to UCSF Fresno policy when medical students petition with very specific and close ties to the Fresno area. In addition to demonstrating close ties to the Fresno area you must also be a US citizen/permanent US resident. Your situation may qualify you to be considered.

For further consideration as an applicant for an elective at UCSF Fresno, please send a letter of petition that documents your close and specific ties to the Fresno area. Please also send a copy of your medical school transcripts and USMLE board scores.

Your petition letter, transcripts and board scores will be reviewed by the Office of Undergraduate Medical Education. You will be contacted within several weeks of receipt of paperwork with the decision or pending items.

Accepted 'exception students' may not take more than **two** electives at UCSF Fresno. Please also note that if you are accepted, the application fee per 4 week elective is \$500. Please do submit an application or elective fees at this time. If you are approved as an exception to policy, the UME office will be in contact with you regarding next steps.

Please note International/off shore medical students are not permitted to apply for clinical electives with rotation start dates in the months of June, July or August. International students are welcome to apply for elective rotations in months outside of this timeframe. This policy will remain in effect until further notice.

Please submit required paperwork (petition letter, transcripts and USMLE board scores) directly to the UME office via mail, email or fax.

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We appreciate your interest in UCSF Fresno and if you choose to submit your transcripts, USMLE board scores and letter of petition, we look forward to reviewing them.