

University Of Botswana Resident Elective in Emergency Medicine 2013

The University of Botswana launched its EM residency in January 2011, making it the 5th Sub-Saharan country to have EM specialty training. There are currently 4 EM residents and a faculty of 1 emergency physician (Australian-trained). There are no EM senior trainees to participate in the running of the department, or to assist with the clinical mentorship of the junior trainees and the medical officers (general practitioners) working in the department. UB invites senior EM trainees (registrars/residents/fellows) from accredited teaching programmes around the world to participate in the development of EM in Botswana.

Eligibility

Senior resident/registrar (final year) or post-graduate Emergency Medicine (EM) fellow (e.g., ultrasound, emergency medical systems, international EM, etc.). A current medical license to practice independently is required.

Minimum duration

Single visit: 6 weeks for single visit (clinical)

Multiple visits: 4-6 weeks for first visit. At least 10 weeks per annum. (project or clinical)

Location & Clinical Environment

The Accident & Emergency Department (A&E) at Princess Marina Hospital (PMH) in Gaborone, Botswana.

PMH is a government-run referral hospital. A&E receives approximately 35,000 annual patient visits, a large number of which are due to complications of HIV/AIDS, trauma, and chronic adult diseases (e.g., hypertension and diabetes).

Roles

- Single visit senior EM trainee.
- Supervision and clinical mentorship of junior trainees (medical students, interns, medical officers, EM junior residents/registrars, and residents/registrars from other specialties).
- Participation in educational activities of department: lectures and workshops.
- Participation in ongoing quality improvement, research, and educational activities of department (possible but not guaranteed). It is not possible or realistic for single visit EM trainees to organize their own projects.
- Multiple visit senior EM trainee (i.e., fellow).
- Active role in ongoing quality improvement, research, and educational activities of department.
- Supervision and clinical mentorship of junior trainees (medical students, interns, medical officers, EM junior residents/registrars, and residents/registrars from other specialties).
- Participation in educational activities of department: lectures and workshops.

Process

Applicants should send their CV and cover letter (or introductory e-mail) to mcox2050@gmail.com specifying the desired dates for the elective.

Applicants meeting eligibility criteria will be asked for scanned color copies of the following:

- 3 letters of reference addressed to the Botswana Health Professions Council, of which one is a letter of good standing from the applicant's current medical licensing board.
- Medical school diploma, medical license, & other relevant qualifications/certificates.

The above documentation will permit temporary registration to practice medicine in Botswana. This process may take 1-7 days (or longer) at the beginning of the elective.

Registration and an official letter of invitation from UB unofficially provides the visiting trainee indemnity (malpractice) coverage while working in government hospitals.