

**UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY AND VISION SCIENCE**

**GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN OR NON-LCME MEDICAL STUDENTS
INTERESTED IN ELECTIVE CLINICAL ROTATIONS**

The Department as a general policy does not accept applications for elective clinical rotations from medical students enrolled in a foreign or non-LCME medical school. This policy does not apply to students of osteopathic medical schools whose eligibility is determined by separate College of Medicine guidelines.

Exceptions will only be considered for exceptional students in their final year of medical school who have completed their general medical rotations, and have demonstrated superior academic performance or have performed and published outstanding research in vision related fields. Such students must be personally recommended by an academic ophthalmologist or vision researcher known to a member of the Department who agrees to be the student's sponsor.

All non-LCME students must submit documentation of visa status, health and malpractice insurance, and immunizations, and provide evidence of meeting all requirements as outlined by the Office of Student Affairs of the College of Medicine.

Such students must be personally sponsored by a faculty member of the Department who shall be responsible for ensuring that all College of Medicine requirements have been met. **The student's educational activities will be limited to observation only and the faculty sponsor shall be the sole supervisor of those activities. Such activities shall be limited to clinical experiences at University Medical Center (Tucson, Arizona) or the sponsoring faculty member's University Physicians, Inc. Outpatient Clinic. The scope of those observational experiences shall be at the discretion of the sponsoring faculty member in consultation with the administration of the clinical site.** No education credits will be awarded for such elective rotations.

All sponsoring faculty members must adhere to the University of Arizona College of Medicine requirements for faculty sponsors of non-LCME visiting medical students. Further information is available by contacting Dr. Cross or the College of Medicine Admissions Office.

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