Primary Care Elective Scheme – Student Information

Each year, we offer Bristol medical students the opportunity to apply for funding for an elective placement in General Practice in the footprint of Bristol Medical School. This includes practices close to the clinical academies. If in doubt, please email us with the practice that you have in mind.

The funding is paid directly to the practice and is to cover costs to the practice of providing elective supervision for up to eight weeks. You can apply for funding to cover two different placements in general practice providing both practices are within the footprint of Bristol Medical School. No money is paid to the student, although a travel bursary of up to £30 per week is available for students to claim via submission of a standard UoB claim form available from phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk.

Previous students have described their experience very positively:
"The CAPC Teaching bursary is a fantastic opportunity to explore a career in GP. The funding meant I was guaranteed dedicated sessions with a GP supervisor to run my own clinics. It made undertaking a longer GP elective more accessible, helping to offset travel costs while allowing me to gain valuable experience in primary care."

"Primary care is full of impassioned GPs doing exciting work to improve the service for patients. At my practice, really interesting quality-improvement projects (QIPs) were underway to improve access to primary care for multiply disadvantaged groups, including homeless people, asylum seekers and street sex workers. I was able to become directly involved in these."

We encourage you to make your own enquiries and find a practice that would be willing to host you - perhaps one where you have already had a good experience? If you are really keen to take up this opportunity but cannot find a host practice, then get in touch with us. The GP Teacher Information below will be of use when you are contacting practices.

Funding provided to the practices is £375 per week, including a one-off payment of £280 to cover administrative time. We would expect a minimum of x 5 sessions of supervision per week.

Applications for this scheme should be submitted prior to the elective period by completion of the application form (see below). Applications will be judged by a small panel from the Academic Unit of Primary Care. Applicants should clearly state the aim of the elective, which may involve a project or an opportunity to gain a unique experience that will have an influence over their future career.

Applications should be submitted by emailing the completed application form to phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk

The deadline for applications for electives in September 2027 is 15th February 2027

Please note that this scheme is separate from the Nathan Burton Elective Prize which is a prize that a student undertaking an elective in primary care anywhere in the world is eligible to apply for and is advertised later in the year.

Dr Imogen Llewellyn Somerset Community GP Lead

Primary Care Elective Scheme – GP Teacher Information

In September each year, many Bristol medical students jet off on elective around the world for two months. Some students however choose to stay in the local area. CAPC Teaching have now created a funding scheme for students who choose to stay in the Bristol area to do an elective in primary care.

When will the student be coming to the practice?

The elective is a period of eight weeks in September and October. The student may wish to spend their whole or part of their elective with you.

What is my role?

You would be their elective supervisor. This entails reviewing their plan for their elective, their elective report, and supervising them whilst they are on placement with you. We would expect a minimum of five supervised clinical sessions per week.

What is the payment rate to the practice?

We are able to pay £375 per week to the practice for hosting the student, plus an additional £280 to cover timetabling and project review time. Payment is at the end of the placement.

Application Form for the Elective Bursary in Primary Care

Name	
Email address	
Aim of the elective	
Do you already have a placement agreed with a practice? If so, which practice and who is your supervisor? Please include your supervisor's email address.	
Are you applying for funding to cover the whole eight week elective period? If not, please specify how many weeks.	
Is there a particular reason that you are staying in the Bristol area for your elective? (your answer is confidential)	
Please state the reasons you plan to undertake this elective, what you hope to gain from the experience and how it will enhance your future practice. (max 500 words)	