

Clinical Placements in Canberra in 2019

Term 5 – from September to November 2019

Please note that term dates for 2019 are yet to be confirmed

John James Foundation Specialist Elective Program

The John James Foundation invites all year 5 (in 2018) James Cook University Medical Students to apply now for a place in our Specialist Elective Program based in Canberra, for a placement in your final year (2019).

The program is offered over 10 weeks as the final term elective in the final year of your course and provides students with the opportunity to spend time with a range of Canberra based Specialists across a broad range of specialities including: anaesthetics, orthopaedics, paediatrics, ENT, ICU, plastics, IVF, O&G, general surgery, ophthalmology, pathology and radiology. Students have a unique opportunity to spend time hosted by a Specialist, rather than a hospital, which provides a very different and more direct experience to that provided by the usual hospital placement. From 2017, the program includes two weeks in an ED placement.

Your preference for a particular speciality will be part of the program and you will be able to spend varying amounts of time in as many as possible of the specialties that are available. The final program will be determined by the John James Foundation based on the availability of Specialists at the time of the placement.

As many of the Specialists operate or are based at the Calvary John James Private Hospital, Canberra's largest private hospital (155 beds across surgical, medical, rehabilitation and maternity), a considerable amount of time will be spent at that facility in addition to spending time in the Specialist's rooms, laboratories and other facilities. Visits to other hospitals in the area are dependent on agreements being in place with those hospitals to accept student placements. Hands-on practical experience is a key benefit of the program, with extensive time in theatres, one-on-one with your mentoring consultant.

Where possible, some anatomy and medical law training will be provided.

Social opportunities within the Canberra medical community and with ANU medical students will arise and students are also invited to attend the Foundation's annual Members' Dinner.

As part of the program, the John James Foundation will provide:

- arrangements with Specialists for a variety of experiences over the two months;
- return airfares between Townsville, Mackay or Cairns and Canberra;
- shared accommodation in a two or three-bedroom apartment (depending on the number participating); and
- a hire car (shared by all participants).

Selection will be made in consultation with staff at the James Cook School of Medicine and will be based (amongst other things) on a demonstrated commitment to course work. Academic performance is not the prime factor. We particularly encourage applications from Indigenous students and other students with an interest in pursuing a career in remote and rural areas.

If you are selected, you will be working with medical specialists in their rooms and with private patients. Also, you will be living in shared accommodation. Because of these factors, your presentation, personality and an ability to interact amicably with fellow students will be considered in the selection process.

Further information on the Foundation and our activities may be found at www.jjf.org.au.

Applications (maximum 3 pages plus a copy of your results transcript) should include:

- home address;
- telephone contacts;
- e-mail address;
- whether you identify as an Indigenous Australian;
- a summary of your current academic performance (with a copy of your current transcript attached);
- brief details of previous placements highlighting any that were in rural or remote areas;
- your preferences, if any, for practice in the future either by way of speciality or location of practice;
- the names of two professional referees who can comment on your performance on course and placements you have undertaken; and
- a short statement as to why you believe you would benefit from participating in the program.

Applications should be made using the application form on the website www.jjf.org.au under our Charitable Programs, Medical Education.

Alternatively, you can download and complete the application form and email your completed application to the Foundation: helen.carter@jjf.org.au.

Applications must be received as soon as possible or by 5pm **Friday 29 June 2018**.

Interviews of short listed applicants will take place shortly after applications have closed.

Please note that this is not simply a hospital placement. The focus is on working with a range of Specialist Doctors in private practice. You will spend time in the Calvary John James Hospital and other Hospitals in the area (subject to meeting their placement requirements) under the supervision of a Specialist Doctor.

The program is wholly organised and funded by the John James Foundation and relies on the generous support of its Specialist Doctor Members, who give their time and expertise for the benefit of the students participating in the program.

Any questions?

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Foundation's office by email to helen.carter@jjf.org.au or by telephone to **02 6281 6695**.