

International Visiting Student FAQS / Policies & Procedures

- **[When can an International Visiting Medical Student attend Baylor College of Medicine?](#)**

Currently, Baylor College of Medicine only accepts International Students January through June of each year.

- **[If my home institution is not affiliated with Visiting Student Learning Opportunities \(VSLO\), may I still apply to Baylor College of Medicine? Is there another way to apply to BCM as an International Student other than VSLO?](#)**

No, all International Students must apply to Baylor College of Medicine through [VSLO](#). If your institution is not affiliated with VSLO, you will not be able to apply to BCM until your home institution is a member of VSLO.

- **[If I am a United States citizen, but I am earning my medical degree from a foreign institution, do I need to take the TOEFL exam?](#)**

No, you do not need to take the TOEFL exam. In VSLO, under the pre-decision documents, please upload a photo of your U.S. passport instead of the TOEFL score report.

- **[If I am a United States citizen but I am earning my medical degree from a foreign institution, do I need to upload a FedEx Air Waybill?](#)**

No, you will not need to upload a FedEx Air Waybill into VSLO in the post-decision documents. Instead, please upload a photo of your U.S. passport.

- **[May I still apply and attend Baylor College of Medicine with a TOEFL score lower than 100?](#)**

No, the TOEFL score must be a minimum of 100. Lower scores will not be accepted.

- **[If I am an International Student who attends an English speaking or predominantly English-based medical program, do I need to take the TOEFL exam?](#)**

Yes, you are required to take the TOEFL exam if you are an International Student who does not have a U.S. passport. You must upload the score report to your VSLO application; this is a requirement to obtain your visa.

- **[Can I modify Baylor College of Medicine's calendar?](#)**

No, we do not make accommodations to our elective rotation dates. Our **[Academic Calendar](#)** is listed on our website so that you can schedule and plan accordingly. All visiting students are required to attend Baylor's Office of the Registrar Orientation on the first day of the elective rotation.

- **[Can the department reserve a space for me?](#)**

No. All applications must be reviewed by the Senior Coordinator and elective department. We cannot override this policy in fairness to applicants, departments, coordinators, and faculty. We ask that our visiting students do not contact elective departments about availability for electives. All correspondence must be made through the Office of the Registrar.

- **[When are the application deadlines?](#)**

Applications must be submitted in VSLO by the international student no later than 8 weeks before the elective month begins. Please refer to the **[Academic Calendar](#)** to review our rotation dates.

- **[Is the \\$1,000 VSLO application fee refundable?](#)**

No, this is a non-refundable application fee.

- **[Does Baylor College of Medicine charge tuition to International Visiting Medical Students?](#)**

Yes, International Students applying to Baylor College of Medicine electives are required to pay the \$2,300 non-refundable tuition fee per elective experience (4 weeks). This tuition fee must be paid within 7 days upon receiving an offer through VSLO. Additional fees include a \$25 Occupational Health Program Fee and \$12 Malpractice Insurance Coverage Fee.

- **[Does Baylor College of Medicine provide housing for Visiting Medical Students?](#)**

No, all Visiting Medical Students are responsible for securing housing while attending electives at Baylor College of Medicine.

- **[Is my Step 1 Score Report required?](#)**

Step scores may be a requirement listed for specific rotations in VSLO. If you are an international student applying for an elective that lists a Step score as a requirement, but your school does not participate in Step Exams, please upload a word document stating this information.

- **[Is malpractice insurance coverage required for International Visiting Medical Students?](#)**

Yes, malpractice insurance must be purchased through Baylor College of Medicine. This \$12 fee must be paid when an offer is accepted in VSAS.

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- Does Baylor require proof of COVID vaccinations?

Yes, proof of COVID vaccinations must be uploaded with the application upon submission in VSLO. Students that do not have any COVID vaccinations or that are not fully inoculated at the time of application will need to provide updates regarding their vaccination status, should they be accepted for a rotation. Please note that the rotation hospital site policies will override any Baylor policies regarding COVID vaccination requirements. For example, the hospital site will have the right to cancel the student rotation, should the student not meet their COVID vaccination requirements.
