Study abroad

Faculty of Medicine AMC-UvA
The information in this brochure is a summary of the information that can be found on our website. For detailed and detailed information: consult the A-Z list ‘International Office AMC’.
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Studying abroad or going international

The Faculty of Medicine would like to educate students who can function at a high level in the broad medical field: in academic research that is by definition international, and students who are prepared for working in a hospital with a patient population that comes from all over the world. By doing a part of your study programme abroad, students can improve your language skills and build up a wide international network.

There are several ways to achieve this: you can do a part of the study programme or internship abroad (student exchange) or you can opt for international orientation in your own country, for example by following (English) courses, also open to foreign students (international classrooms). You can also follow an international summer school, in the Netherlands or abroad. This way you get in touch with students from other countries with other educational and healthcare systems and you get used to working in an international context.

What is the International Office?

The International Office provides information and information about:

- Study opportunities abroad
- Procedures and conditions for recognition of credits obtained abroad
- Support for arranging a study period at one of our partner institutions
- Preventive health measures
- Other agencies that can advise on a study period abroad
- Applying for certain scholarships.

If you need advice in preparing for an internship or study abroad, you can visit the International Office at J0-223.

Registration is obligatory! The registration form and more information about scholarship applications: A-Z list 'International Office AMC'.
When can I go abroad?

Bachelor Medische Informatiekunde

- Bachelor internship & thesis (year 3)

Master Medical Informatics

- Internship I & II (year 1)
- Scientific Research Project (year 2)

On [http://studyabroad.uva.nl](http://studyabroad.uva.nl) you will find information about international opportunities that the University of Amsterdam facilitates, such as the Global Exchange Program and summer schools.

The general information in this brochure is in English, on our website the information is in Dutch. If you cannot find what you need, please feel free to contact the International Office.

Through the International Office you can read stories of other students who went abroad. The reports can be found on the AMC intranet when you search for: ‘Studeren in het buitenland’ (in Dutch).

Bachelor internship & thesis (jaar 3)
The general objective of the bachelor’s internship & thesis is to become acquainted with various aspects of scientific medical information research in the context of an ongoing research project by carrying out its own research. Of course, this can also be done abroad. For the Bachelor stage & thesis component, there is the option to follow a 20-week (30 EC) internship abroad; this includes the time reserved for the scientific report and presentation. In comparison with the bachelor projects from 12 to 16 weeks (24 EC), the projects of 20 weeks (30 EC) are larger in size or heavier in terms of activities. These projects (of 20 EC) comprise a small-scale empirical study.

Internship I and II
The Short Internships are intended to be a preparation for the scientific research project scheduled at the end of the 2nd year of the master’s in Medical Informatics.

How to arrange your internship abroad
It is not always easy to arrange an internship abroad. Foreign researchers do not know exactly what level they can expect from a Dutch Medical Informatics student, so it is important to write a letter of application explaining how you came to the choice of a topic, why you want to work with this researcher and what you’re relevant experience is.
The best way to organize a foreign internship is through contacts of researchers of the faculty. Most researchers have contacts with colleagues abroad and will be happy to think along with motivated students. Prepare yourself well, motivate why you want to occupy yourself with that research topic and why you want to do your internship abroad.

This method has the advantage that the AMC researcher can arrange the contact for you with a colleague abroad and/or write a letter of recommendation for you. Moreover, you also have a good candidate in this person who can act as AMC supervisor.

A second way is that you first search for an internship position abroad before looking for an AMC supervisor who works in the same field at the AMC. You can find interesting researchers and topics via the internet, for example on websites of other institutes or in publications. Use this knowledge in your application letter to motivate your choice.

If you are accepted, the foreign researcher will have to draw up a project description together with you. Note that this may take more time than writing a project proposal with a supervisor at your home institution. Also consider finding an AMC senior tutor with a suitable background.

South Africa

Please note: a foreign internship must comply with the same rules that apply to an internship in the Netherlands.
Extracurricular options abroad

Finally, there are also many options that can be done outside the curriculum but are certainly interesting to do next to your studies. Think of a summer school or the Global Exchange program of the UvA.

More information and how you can register can be found on our A-Z list 'International Office AMC'.

Scholarships

Students who go abroad for a regular study component can apply for a grant at the International Office. These grants are a compensation for the high costs that the trip to and the stay abroad often entail (think of air tickets, visa and accommodation). Realize that the scholarships will usually not cover your costs and you must remain registered at the UvA. For these scholarship applications, you must register with the International Office in time before departure. This has a twofold purpose: to obtain the travel grant and to guarantee your safety when you stay abroad for a period of time. Do not forget this since it is obligatory!

For a study period you can apply for an AMC grant and for a research internship you can receive a grant from the Amsterdam University Fund (AUF). If, however, you do an internship within Europe for a period of at least 3 months and a maximum of 12 months, you are eligible to apply for an Erasmus grant. If you apply for an AMC grant, you will not be eligible for the same study component for an Erasmus or AUF scholarship, and vice versa.

Registration form and deadlines and more information about scholarship applications: A-Z list 'International Office' Voorbereiding - Voordat je vertrekt.

AMC fund

AMC fund criteria

1) the study period is a regular part of the curriculum and
2) the study period yields 4 or more ECTS
3) you applied for this the scholarship prior to the course.
Amsterdam University Fund (AUF)

Amsterdam University Fund criteria:

1) participation in conferences, projects or studying academic work abroad; or

2) visit to medical conferences, whether or not abroad; or

3) research internships, preferably abroad, in the framework of a proposed PhD at the University of Amsterdam.

N.B.1. For components 1) and 2), students from other faculties of the University of Amsterdam can also be considered, provided they are directly involved in a project / research within the AMC. Applications must be submitted before departure and in the year in which the foreign study period takes place.

N.B. 2. The AUF fund can only be granted once.

Please note: deadlines apply for applying for and declaring the AUF scholarship. To do this, keep the document 'Criteria, amounts and deadlines' on the A-Z-list.

Erasmus scholarship

The European Union finances scholarships under certain conditions for students who spend a study or internship period at universities or research centers within Europe. The amount of the scholarship depends on the duration and the destination. The internship must last a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 12 months.

Registration for this is done through the International Office. For the allowances and scholarships that are administered by the University of Amsterdam, you will receive 70% of the total amount after signing the Grant Agreement and 30% after returning and submitting the other documents. The money is intended as a contribution towards the following costs: travel costs, livelihood and language preparation. To qualify for the scholarship, you must in any case be registered at the UvA.

Erasmus language courses

Under the name 'Intensive Language Prepatory Course' (ILPC), the National Agencies organize intensive language courses of 4-6 weeks in Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Hungary, Slovenia, and some prior to the academic year. Eastern Bloc countries. The course is open to students who have a period of study within the framework of Erasmus in the same country.
**Overige beurzen**

Note: start well in time with the application; many travel grants apply deadlines. The site (linked to the NUFFIC) [www.beursopener.nl](http://www.beursopener.nl) is a handy first step for looking up contact details about grants.

Furthermore there are possibilities on the A-Z list under the lemma 'Beurzen'. This is a lemma that is centrally monitored by the UvA.

**Safety**

**Health - Arbodienst**

Students who undertake a study period abroad must report to the Arbodienst 6 to 8 weeks before departure and as soon as possible after their return (when there was patient contact). There you will be informed about your health risks and your vaccination status. If necessary, vaccinations are given for Hepatitis A and B, DTP, BMR and a mantoux, which serves as a reference for the TB test after returning from abroad.

Make an appointment well before your departure with the tropical center in the AMC and with the Arbodienst to obtain the necessary vaccinations, malaria prophylaxis and possibly HIV prophylaxis. Some host institutions require a health certificate. Make sure you know well ahead of time what you have to do and what you have to take with you. In the United States, you may have to give up urine to test for drug use before you get to work.

At the AMC Tropical Center you can obtain the necessary vaccinations if you go to a tropical country. You must also make an appointment 6 to 8 weeks before departure for obtaining the necessary vaccinations and malaria prophylaxis at the Tropics Center. Make that appointment preferably with three students at the same time (in connection with rabies vaccination). The costs for the rabies vaccine are only 25 euros per person instead of 64.95 euros for an individual vaccination (price level 2018, current prices can be found on the intranet page of the AMC Tropical Center).

**Health risks**

You can read the detailed advice in the brochure ‘Gezondheids- en veiligheidsrisico’s in het buitenland’, available at the International Office. Are you going to a developing country? Be sure to follow this brochure.
ROADMAP MEDICAL INFORMATICS

1. Electives → Approval of the coordinator and EC MI → Visit the IO for registration → Request an Erasmus scholarship (if you are an intern in Europe) or apply for an AMC scholarship.

2. Bachelorstage & thesis
   - Follow regular study component abroad?
     - Yes → Internship I & II
       - Search supervisor at the AMC
       - Search for a supervisor abroad (possibly via contact AMC supervisor)
       - Approval of the coordinator
       - Visit the IO for registration
       - Apply for an Erasmus scholarship (if you are an intern in Europe) or apply for an AUP scholarship
     - No → Scientific Research Project
6. Scientific Research Project
   - Congress abroad?
     - Check the A-Z list for more information about extracurricular options such as the Global Exchange Program, summer schools and others.

For the conditions and more info: A-Z list International Office AMC or mail to internationaloffice@amc.uva.nl

IO: International Office
AUF: Amsterdam University Fund
EC MI: Examen Commission Medische Informatiekunde
Enthusiastic for an internship or study period abroad?

✓ Read the information on the A-Z list ‘International Office AMC’ carefully
✓ Visit the International Office during the walk-in consultation hour
✓ Make an appointment for an informal meeting with the exchange coordinator

Contact

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Walk-in: Monday and Thursday 12.30-13.30
Questions: Digitale Studenten Service Desk
Information & contact: Website

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