



Saskatchewan Electives Support Program

University of Saskatchewan Resident Physicians



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Are you a University of Saskatchewan (U of S), College of Medicine resident considering an elective in a rural or regional community in the province?

Check out the Saskatchewan Electives Support Program!

This program, offered by saskdocs in partnership with the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA), may offset travel and accommodation expenses for U of S residents pursuing electives in eligible rural or regional communities throughout Saskatchewan.

Pursuing an elective in a rural or regional community not only aids in gaining specialized skills; it also provides exposure to the benefits of establishing practice in a rural or regional community.

Program Details

This incentive program may reimburse travel and accommodation expenses for an eligible elective of up to four weeks in duration. Each resident may receive up to a maximum of \$2,000 per educational year (e.g. July 1 to June 30).

saskdocs may reimburse the following expenses:

- Mileage at the current Saskatchewan Health Authority rate for up to one return trip per elective;
- Accommodation expenses (with receipts), or \$35 per night if accommodations are provided by family or friends. Accommodations expenses may be reimbursed to a maximum of \$70/night.

The following expenses are not eligible for reimbursement:

- Incidental expenses, such as food, parking, rental cars, cab fare, internet, telephone charges etc. are not covered.
- Funding does not cover accommodations that are provided by the Saskatchewan Health Authority or the community.
- Daily or weekly commutes to communities are not a reimbursable expense under this program.
- Expenses previously reimbursed by any other source are not eligible for reimbursement under the Electives Support Program.

Eligibility Criteria

Reimbursement of up to \$2,000 under the Electives Support program may be available to you if you meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled in a medical residency program at the U of S, College of Medicine.
- Pursuing an elective in an eligible community:

- Family Medicine residents - eligible communities are rural communities in Saskatchewan with a population of 10,000 or less, with the exception of bedroom communities* and Rosthern.
- Royal College residents - eligible communities are all communities in Saskatchewan excluding Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert.
- The elective satisfies the definition of an elective as outlined by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).

**Bedroom communities include the following - Balgonie, Clavet, Dalmeny, Delisle, Emerald Park, Langham, Lumsden, Martensville, Pense, Pilot Butte, Warman and White City.*

Following completion of your elective, you must also:

- Complete a five-to-ten minute evaluation at the end of the elective.
- Provide third-party confirmation of the elective (e.g. preceptor confirmation of elective).
- Have an updated profile on saskdocs.ca
- Submit all applicable expense receipts and/or proof of mileage (e.g. screenshot of mapped route with kms travelled) within 30 days of completion of elective.
- Consent to the sharing of information (only including name, email, program and date of elective) with Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) and community representatives to establish eligibility and administration of the program, offer exposure to the community, and to discuss potential career options.

Note: We understand that not all Royal College disciplines currently practice in eligible regional communities; for further clarification on elective criteria refer to the [U of S Elective Guidelines](#); saskdocs will evaluate responses from residents regarding their elective(s) experience and the impact this funding had on their decision to partake in an elective in a rural or regional community.

Application

Applications must be submitted **prior to the commencement of a rural or regional elective**. Please submit applications at least **four weeks** prior to the start date.

To apply, please submit your [application](#).

Adjudication

saskdocs will adjudicate your application under the following considerations:

- Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- The number of approved applications will be limited to budgetary allocation and is contingent on continual funding.
- The number of approved applications awarded per residency program may be limited in order to accommodate a variety of specialties.
- This program may be modified, amended, suspended or terminated without notice. In the event that a modification, amendment, suspension or termination of the program occurs, all applications approved prior to the change(s) will be honoured in accordance with the program parameters that were in place on the date of approval.

For further information or any inquiries related to this program, please contact us at info@saskdocs.ca or 306-933-5000.

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