



# Are you a resident physician enrolled in a Royal College post-graduate training program not offered in Saskatchewan?



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We welcome you to join us for an elective to explore all that Saskatchewan has to offer!

The Saskatchewan Electives Support Program, offered by saskdocs in partnership with the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA), may offset travel and accommodation expenses for Royal College resident physicians in training programs not offered at the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) to pursue electives in the province.

Check out the details below.

## **CRITERIA**

Funding under this program may be available to you if the following criteria are met:

1. Enrolment in a recognized Royal College post-graduate or fellowship training program in Canada that is not offered at the U of S (to view a list of post-graduate programs offered at the U of S please visit - <https://medicine.usask.ca/programs/postgraduate.php>);
2. You are taking an elective in Saskatchewan that satisfies the definition of an elective as outlined by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).
3. You agree to provide third-party confirmation of the elective (i.e. Letter from the Department Head in Saskatchewan).
4. You agree to complete a five-to-ten minute evaluation at the end of your elective.
5. You 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.

## **PROGRAM PARAMETERS**

The program may cover travel and accommodation expenses for residents pursuing eligible electives up to four (4) weeks in duration. Each resident physician may access up to a maximum of \$2,000 per four (4) week elective for each post-graduate training year to offset travel and accommodation expenses. saskdocs may reimburse the following:

### *Travel expenses:*

- One roundtrip airfare with valid receipts and/or
- Mileage at the Government of Saskatchewan rate in effect at the time of the elective for one return trip. Daily or weekly commutes to communities are not a reimbursable expense under this program.

### *Accommodation expenses:*

- Accommodations not provided by the community, Saskatchewan Health Authority or College of Medicine may be reimbursed with valid receipts.

*Note: Incidental expenses, such as food, parking, Internet, telephone charges etc. are not covered. Funding does not cover accommodations that are provided by the Saskatchewan Health Authority or the community. Valid receipts are required for purchased accommodation.*

## **APPLICATION**

### **a) Apply for an Elective at the University of Saskatchewan**

- a. Commence the application process at least two to three months in advance of the elective start date.
- b. For details on the application process please visit the Elective Guidelines for Non-U of S Residents available from the U of S College of Medicine.

### **b) Apply for the Saskatchewan Electives Support Program to offset travel and accommodation expenses – To apply click [here](#)**

- a. Applications must be submitted prior to the commencement of the planned elective. Residents are advised to submit applications at least four weeks prior to the start date.
- b. Provide proof of approval of elective

## **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 awards 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.

## **REIMBURSEMENT**

Payment of approved funds is contingent on:

- The completion of a five-to-ten minute evaluation.
- Submission of receipts (*receipts must be submitted within 30 days after completion of the elective*); and,
- Third-party confirmation of elective completion.

Applicants can expect reimbursement within four to six weeks of submission of evaluation, receipts, and third-party confirmation of elective completion.

*Note: Funding under this program is a taxable benefit, therefore a T4A will be issued.*

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