



# 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?



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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 certain communities throughout Saskatchewan.

Pursuing an elective in one of these communities not only aids in gaining specialized skills; it exposes the benefits of establishing a practice there.

## **CRITERIA**

U of S residents may be eligible for this program if the following criteria are met:

1. Enrollment in a Family Medicine Residency Program or in a Royal College Residency Program at the U of S, College of Medicine.
2. Pursuing an elective in an eligible community:
  - Family Medicine residents - eligible communities are rural and remote communities in Saskatchewan with a population of 5,000 or less, with the exception of bedroom communities\* and Rosthern.
  - Royal College residents - eligible communities are all those excluding Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert.
3. 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).
4. Agree to complete a five-to-ten minute evaluation at the end of the elective.
5. Agree to provide third-party confirmation of the elective (i.e. preceptor evaluation of elective).
6. 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.

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

*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.*

## **PROGRAM PARAMETERS**

This incentive program may cover 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 four week elective for one educational year (example: July 1 to June 30). Reimbursement for electives taken for less than four weeks may be prorated up to a maximum of \$66 per night. saskdocs may reimburse the following expenses:

- Travel mileage at the Government of Saskatchewan rate for up to one return trip;
- Accommodations up to \$1,900 per month (with receipts), or \$30 per night if accommodations are provided by family or friends.

*Note: Incidental expenses, such as food, rental vehicles, parking, 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. Valid receipts are required for purchased accommodation, but not required for accommodations provided by family or friends.*

## **APPLICATION**

Applications must be submitted prior to the commencement of a rural or regional elective. Residents are advised to 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 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 the elective.

*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.