

# Senior Medical Student Program in the USA



*Houston Methodist Hospital has entered into an agreement with the Semmelweis University, (Budapest, Hungary) to provide 12 week credit-bearing senior electives to medical students who are in their last year of education (apply for the program during 5th year). The agreement with the other three medical schools in Hungary (Debrecen, Pécs, Szeged) are under progress.*

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*The rotations begin four times a year. The exact dates will be determined by HMAA at the beginning of 2019.*

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The purpose of the program is to facilitate the exchange of medical students as well as expand the experience and knowledge between the involved medical universities. With this program, the HMAA allows students to develop improved medical knowledge and establish long-term professional relationships that in turn fosters improved healthcare in Hungary.

**This program is sponsored  
and managed by the  
Hungarian Medical  
Association of America,  
(HMAA)  
[www.hmaa.org](http://www.hmaa.org)**

***Students may take the following electives:***

- *Vascular Surgery/Surgery*
- *Anesthesiology*
- *Neurology/Stroke Unit*

***\*\*Please note that these electives are subject to availability at the time of the rotation.***

**Financing:**

**Students are expected to cover:**

- Round trip air transportation
- Health insurance
- Medical liability insurance/Malpractice
  - *Full practice fee for Semmelweis students: 1000 USD*
  - *Observership fee for Debrecen/Pécs/Szeged students: 450 USD*
- Meal costs
- Housing
- Cost of books, materials if required

**Financial Support:**

- **Pallas Athénéé Innovációs és Geopolitikai Alapítvány (PAIGEO):** estimated 2350 USD support (per person for 3 months based on the 2017-2018 academic year stipend) for maximum 4 (per academic year) of the Hungarian\* students who participate in the Houston Exchange Program (no need for additional application, the decision will be made by the HMAA based on the interview and application results).
- **Campus Mundi** (individual application needed!)

\*Eligibility: only for 4 of the Hungarian students (per academic year) who participate in the Houston Exchange Program and are from the Hungarian Language Program.

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## **Who Can Apply?**

- *The program is open to students of Semmelweis University for a full practice and to students of the other three Hungarian medical universities (Debrecen, Pécs, and Szeged) for observership. Medical students who are in their 5th year of education at the beginning of September 2019 or those who are in their 6th year of education at the beginning of September 2018 and plan to do their 6th year in two units, so that the second unit would start from September 2019. **Medical students with Hungarian heritage may apply from both the Hungarian and English language programs. Only HMAA Hungarian Chapter members can apply for the exchange program (membership is free for medical students, for further information visit the [Hungary Chapter page](#)).***
- **Students must apply to only one location from the HMAA Exchange Program. It is not possible to apply for more (Buffalo, Houston, and/or Boston).**
- **Deadline:** applications must be emailed by December 15, 2018 by midnight (CET). **Applications emailed later than this date will not be accepted.**
- Only online applications will be accepted.
- **Requirements:** All documents should be submitted by email in one PDF document named as the applicant. The PDF must include the following:
  - Completed Application Form
  - Letter of recommendation from the Dean (in English) – *official written statement from the University confirming that the Exchange Program will be recognized by your Medical School as part of the curriculum – scanned original.*
  - Letter of recommendation from two different Heads of Department (in English) – scanned original.
  - Hungarian and English credit transcript from year 1 onwards – scanned original.
  - Statement of medical student status – scanned original
  - Curriculum vitae (in English) – scanned original signed.
  - Letter of motivation/intent (in English) – scanned original signed
  - Passport size photo – scanned original

**\*\* The application must be complete; otherwise, it will be automatically rejected.**

**Email one copy to each of the following:**

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*For further information, contact the Program Coordinator.*

**The personal interview will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2019 in Budapest.**

*All students must submit a written **EXIT INTERVIEW** to the Department of International Relations of Semmelweis University and to the HMAA Hungary Chapter after the end of the rotation. All students are encouraged to attend the Balatonfüred congress of the HMAA Hungary Chapter in August 2019-2020.*

**Please follow the information on the HMAA website ([www.hmaa.org](http://www.hmaa.org)) which is continuously being updated!**