



U.S. Clinical & Research Programs

Applicant Requirements & Program Guide

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Applicant Requirements

For the Melhem Scientific U.S. Clinical & Research Programs, requirements are structured to be rigorous but broad enough to accommodate differences among host institutions.

Eligibility

- Must be an international medical student or eligible international medical trainee.
- Must be currently enrolled in, or where permitted by the specific opportunity, a recent graduate of a recognized medical education program.
- Applicants must be in good academic and professional standing at their home institution.
- Eligibility may vary by clinical specialty, research program, host institution, and experience type.

Required Application Materials

- Completed Clinical & Research Programs Application
- Current curriculum vitae (CV)
- Personal statement describing the applicant's academic, clinical, research, and career interests
- Official or unofficial medical school transcript, as specified during application
- Two professional or academic references
- Copy of a valid passport
- Preferred specialty or research area
- Preferred U.S. host institutions or programs, when applicable
- Preferred dates and duration of participation
- \$100 non-refundable application processing fee, unless an approved fee waiver applies

Clinical Elective & Observership Requirements

Applicants pursuing patient-facing or clinical experiences may be required to provide additional documentation after preliminary selection, including:

- Immunization and health records
- Tuberculosis screening
- Health insurance
- Professional or malpractice coverage, if required
- HIPAA or institutional compliance training
- Background check and/or drug screening
- Medical school verification or letter of good standing
- Additional documentation required by the host institution

Clinical electives may have more restrictive eligibility requirements than observerships, including requirements related to the applicant's year of medical education and completion of prerequisite clinical rotations.

Research Program Requirements

Research applicants should demonstrate a clear interest in scientific investigation. Depending on the opportunity, applicants may be asked to provide:

- Research interests or proposed area of study
- Previous research experience
- Publications, abstracts, presentations, or other scholarly work, if applicable
- Relevant laboratory, statistical, clinical research, or data-analysis experience

Note: Previous publications are not necessarily required unless specified for an individual opportunity.

English Proficiency

Applicants must possess sufficient English-language proficiency to participate effectively in the applicable clinical, academic, or research environment. Individual host institutions may require additional evidence of English proficiency.

International & Immigration Requirements

Applicants are responsible for maintaining appropriate immigration status and authorization for their specific experience. Visa eligibility, documentation, and sponsorship requirements vary by program and host institution. Melhem Scientific does not guarantee visa issuance or institutional sponsorship.

Selection & Placement

Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee selection or placement. Applications may be evaluated based on academic performance, professional standing, personal statement, references, specialty or research fit, availability, and host-institution requirements.

Any opportunity remains subject to final approval by the applicable host institution.

Special Provision for LAU Students

Current eligible students of the Lebanese American University (LAU) in Lebanon may request a full waiver of the \$100 Melhem Scientific application processing fee.

Melhem Scientific — LAU Application Fee Waiver Request

The waiver applies only to the application processing fee and does not waive program fees or other applicable expenses.