

# THAMES FOUNDATION SCHOOL SCHEME

## PROSPECTIVE APPROVAL FOR UNDERTAKING F1 ABROAD

### Guidance for Students and Host Institutions

All applications must be approved by the student's Medical School and the London Deanery.

Application is limited to University of London/Imperial College medical students who are non-UK/EEA citizens. Applicants are asked to note that should they decide to return to the UK to complete Foundation Programme Year 2 they will need to apply, in open competition, for any vacant F2 programmes.

Those granted approval will be required to maintain contact with their Medical School while they are abroad and comply with the General Medical Council's timeline for obtaining full registration. Those who do not obtain **prospective** approval are not eligible for automatic full registration with the GMC and despite holding full registration with their home GMC or equivalent body will find it very difficult to update their UK GMC registration from provisional to full should they wish to return to the UK to practise or undertake clinical research at a later date.

NB The GMC does not accept retrospective approval of F1 posts and also does not allow UK graduates to undertake PLAB.

#### **Process**

1. Discuss your wish to complete F1 abroad with your Medical School Dean (or his/her nominated officer) **before** the national application process for entry to foundation training opens.
2. Obtain a copy of the application form from the Undergraduate Registry or Foundation School
3. Arrange completion by the overseas host institution and submit completed forms as instructed by your Medical School.

#### **Notification of Outcome**

Your Medical School will notify you and the host institution if your application has been approved by the London Deanery.

Note: Applications must be approved by the Deanery by early December in the year preceding F1 Abroad so that those granted approval can be withdrawn from the national recruitment process before allocation to Foundation Schools are released.