




Postgraduate School

Medical University of Graz



Observership Program at the Medical University of Graz



The Medical University of Graz offers doctors and students from around the world the opportunity to observe our physicians when they are engaged in clinical work. This medical training or clinical elective provides insight into the day-to-day responsibilities of our doctors in their respective specialties. Each participant of the observership (**no hands-on**) will be matched with a faculty member who will serve as their mentor during the observership.

It is the goal of the observership to give an insight into the Austrian medical system as well as to provide a **clinical experience by observing** our doctors. Depending on the different departments, the medical training will allow observers to:

- ▶ experience new techniques and treatments
- ▶ have discussions with responsible physicians
- ▶ monitor surgeries and other invasive interventions
- ▶ get to know best-practice methods at a high medical level

Observership for international medical students and doctors

Participants are not permitted to be actively involved in patient care and will have the status of observers. Some departments also offer **specialty observerships** which allow doctors to get an intensive observership experience and be trained in special techniques.

Medical training at a top 400 world university

The observership takes place at the university hospital (1,600 beds; around 410,000 outpatients and around 83,000 inpatients each year) of the **Medical University of Graz** in Austria. The Medical University of Graz is a young university with a long-standing tradition: It became an independent university in 2004, being the former Faculty of Medicine of the Karl-Franzens University of Graz. This Faculty of Medicine was established in 1863 by Emperor Franz Joseph I. The university hospital dates back to 1912, being one of the largest and most modern hospitals in Europe, now offering restructured 1,600 beds. The Medical University of Graz has a long tradition of successful and internationally renowned research, which is shown by the fact that **three Nobel Prize winners** conducted research in its institutes and departments: Fritz Pregl, Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1923), Julius Wagner von Jauregg, Nobel Prize in Medicine (1927), Otto Loewi, Nobel Prize in Medicine (1936)

The culturally rich city of Graz

The charming and safe city of Graz (population 270.000) has a historically interesting Old Town nominated as a **UNESCO World Heritage** site and was the Cultural Capital of Europe in 2003. Recently, the city was also awarded the title UNESCO City of

Design. Graz is the second-largest city in Austria, located 200 kilometers south of the capital Vienna. Six Universities/Universities of Applied Sciences contribute to a large student population and a lively atmosphere in Graz.

Building up international professional and personal links

Each participant of the observership will be matched with a faculty member from the Medical University of Graz who will serve as their mentor during their medical training. During the clinical training at our university hospital you will have the chance to build up valuable professional and personal relationships with our physicians. **Apply now – placements are limited.**

Fees

An observership fee has to be paid. Different fees apply for undergraduates and graduates and fees also vary according to the type of observership (general observership, specialty observership) and length. Scholarships will be awarded to students/doctors from least developed countries according to OECD. Please ask irene.stradner@medunigraz.at for details.

Upgrade your CV with international clinical experience

If accepted, you will receive an official letter of invitation and a comprehensive Welcome Guide with helpful information for your stay in Austria. We will help you in finding suitable accommodation in Graz and with all other requests concerning your observership. Upon successful completion of the medical training you will receive a **certificate** by the Medical University of Graz.



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