Chiang Mai University

**Location:** Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai Provence, Thailand

**University website:**
http://www.cmu.ac.th/index_eng.php

**Program type:** 4th year medical elective

**Program dates:** available dates determined by CMU

**Program duration:** 4 weeks

**Special requirements:**

**Application due date:** determined by CMU

**Faculty contact:** Simon Williams, PhD

**Description**

**Program:**
Fourth year medical students can elect to complete a 4-week international health elective/rotation at CMU. The CMU campus provides excellent exposure to tropical medicine in a resource-poor environment. Rotations are completed at Suan Dok Hospital, the major public hospital for the region. Each student’s experience may be slightly different based on the selected department for the rotation. Visit the OGH website for information about previous students’ experiences.

**Campus and country:**
Chiang Mai University (CMU) is a public research university in northern Thailand founded in 1964. CMU places a strong emphasis on engineering, science, and agriculture. Its instructional mission includes undergraduate, graduate, professional, and continuing education offered through resident instruction. Its main campus lies between downtown Chiang Mai and Doi Suthep.
The university was the first institute of higher education in Northern Thailand and the first provincial university in Thailand.

Chiang Mai University has four campuses, three of them in Chiang Mai and one in Lamphun. The main university campus, known as Suan Sak, is located west of the city center. The Health Sciences complex is located at the Suan Dok ('Garden of Flowers') campus, a second campus near the main campus and closer to the city. The Suan Dok campus includes Faculties of Medicine, Associated Medical Sciences, Nursing, Dentistry, and Pharmacy. It also includes the Maharaj Nakom Chiang Mai Hospital, the largest teaching hospital in Northern Thailand. The hospital’s three buildings have 1,300 beds plus 400 auxiliary beds. In 2008, Suan Dok Hospital served 823,806 outpatients and 387,939 inpatients.

Many joint programs providing medical and educational support for physicians and medical students have been established with other hospitals and health centers, both inside and outside the Chiang Mai area.

**Estimated cost:** $2,500-3,000

**Housing, meals, and in-country transportation:** Free housing is available in the medical student dormitory, although these facilities are rough by US standards. Additional housing options include apartments or hotels. Meals and in-country transportation are NOT provided by CMU. Buy or renting a bicycle is one transportation option. Taxis are also available.

**Visa and passport:**
All students must have a passport that is valid for 6 months after departure from the host country. A visa is not required for US citizens staying fewer than 30 days.

**Pre-departure requirements:** [http://www.ttuhscc.edu/cima/requirements.aspx](http://www.ttuhscc.edu/cima/requirements.aspx)

**Additional information:**
See OGH website for handbook for study at CMU