

# Distributed Learning and Rural Initiatives

Engage Communities.  
Inspire Social Accountability.  
Create Opportunities.

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# Who We Are

The Department of Distributed Learning & Rural Initiatives (DLRI) believes in providing quality healthcare to the people of Rural Alberta. We are “myth busters” that create transformational experiences.

At DLRI we support learners going on rotations in rural communities across Alberta and the Territories. Our office arranges placements, ensures site access and secures accommodations. We also provide funding support for preceptor honoraria and process learner expenses.

## Why do a rural rotation?

- Greater clinical exposure
- Diversified experience
- Greater autonomy
- Opens doors



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# The Rural Experience

## Why choose rural medicine?

Whether it is increasing your exposure to generalism, working with patients with undifferentiated issues, or experiencing the continuum of care – there is a great opportunity and need for skilled talent in rural Alberta.

## Rural Opportunities:

- Rural Medicine and Family Medicine Interest Groups (RMIG/FMIG)
- Mentorship/Shadowing – Associate Dean's Letter (+30 hours)
- MDCN 330 and MDCN 430
- Pre-clerkship summer electives (Career Exploration)
- Core Rotations (FM, O&G, Peds & Psych)
- Clerkship electives
- Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (UCLIC)
- CRIEE (Canadian Remote or Isolated Educational Experience)



# The Rural Experience

## UCLIC - Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship

- One year clerkship option for 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students interested in learning medicine in a generalist environment.
- Based in a family practice in a rural/regional community.
- High match rate in CaRMS across disciplines.

### AVAILABLE UCLIC SITES:

Canmore  
Cardston  
Crowsnest Pass  
High River  
Lethbridge  
Pincher Creek

Rocky Mountain House  
Stettler  
Sundre  
Taber  
Yellowknife, NT



“On top of continuity of care, the benefit of UCLIC is the ability to develop a relationship with your preceptor.”

Keirsten Wilson: UCLIC Student 2017-18 – Pincher Creek

# Research



At DLRI, we conduct research to respond to the needs of Alberta's rural and remote population.

Some of our research includes:

- Perspectives of Urban First Year Medical Students in Choosing Practice Location.
- The Impact of Rural Rotations on Urban Based Postgraduate Learners.

## Human Library Project

A unique opportunity where "Readers" (CSM learners) will be able to have interactive and provocative conversations with "Books" (rural physicians) about rural life and rural medicine.

# RURAL ELECTIVE PROCESS

WITH DISTRIBUTED LEARNING & RURAL INITIATIVES

DLRI

Keep these steps in mind when setting up your rural elective!

**1** LEARNER SUBMITS  
ELECTIVE REQUEST TO  
DLRI VIA SHAREPOINT\*



**2** DLRI SECURES  
PRECEPTOR FOR  
ELECTIVE



**3** DLRI CONFIRMS  
ROTATION WITH LEARNER



**4** LEARNER UPLOADS  
ELECTIVE INTO OSLER



**5** DLRI PROVIDES RHPAP  
CONTACT FOR LEARNER TO  
ARRANGE THEIR ACCOMMODATIONS



**6** LEARNER COMPLETES ELECTIVE  
& SUBMITS EXPENSES FOR  
REIMBURSEMENT



QUESTIONS? Contact [RMELECT@UCALGARY.CA](mailto:RMELECT@UCALGARY.CA)

## NOTE:

Please DO NOT contact preceptors directly.

DLRI arranges all requests for pre-clerkship and clerkship electives.

All requests are processed by elective start date. Confirmation of elective may be 10 weeks prior to the start of the rotation.

\*You can check the status of your elective through DLRI Sharepoint.

If you book your rotation outside of this process, DLRI will not reimburse expenses and/or compensate the preceptor.

# Scholarship & Awards

## TARRANT SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to third-year medical students from the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary who demonstrate strong interest in studying and developing a career in rural medicine. It is bestowed each year by the Alberta Medical Association's Section of Rural Medicine.

Funds one year of tuition and related fees.



## AWARDS

INSPIRED BY A RURAL DOC ALONG THE WAY?

Nominate them for the UME Rural Inspiration Award!

For a list of our awards please visit our website:

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# Questions?



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