

Rules of exchange

International Summer practice under the auspices of IFMSA is officially recognized summer internship program approved by the Rector of KSMU. But it is not a full alternative to the traditional form of summer internship.

Rules for participation in the competition for international practice

The program of the international practice under the IFMSA is open to students of 2-6 courses of general medicine and pediatric departments of KSMU, as well as students of other faculties in agreement with the office of international affairs.

The main criteria for selection of participants of international practice are:

- Fluency in foreign languages;
- Good performance at school;
- Interest in participating in the program;

Proficiency in a foreign language is determined in the course of the language exam, organized at the Department of Foreign Languages of KSMU. The exam is held on December.

Distribution of students by country, by species and forms of exchange is traditionally held at the meeting-conference in mid-December. The primary criterion for the selection is a language exam.

When several applicants have similar results of language exam a crucial role is played by the average exam score in all the years of training and experience of participation in events organized by TaMSA and by the office of international affairs.

A student applying for participation in the competition for the practical training under the auspices of IFMSA must not have the academic debts at the last session as a proof the student must provide a photocopy of all pages of the record book with all exams of the last session.

Financial liabilities of participating in international practice

After the distribution to the countries the student signs a contract with KSMU, pays the registration fee for participation in the program.

Student party undertakes to pay all transportation, visa, insurance and other expenses incurred in connection with the passage of foreign practice.

In case of unilateral exchange student is required to pay a fee for room and board at the receiving party.

Department of International Cooperation of KSMU doesn't provide commercial services in the preparation of documents for obtaining visa, buying tickets, etc.

During the practice period the student is required to:

- Comply with all the laws of the hosting country;
- Fully implement the tasks of the exchange program;

- Follow all regulations of the hospital, comply with the internal regime of the hospital, obey all the safety regulations;
 - Attend at least 80% of the practice time in order to get an official certificate of International Federation of Medical Students Associations.
 - Master the practical skills and theory, provided by the curriculum of the course and faculty.
 - Fill in the TaMSA-Tatarstan logbook during the internship in a hospital, where all the work done in the department should be captured, as well as the recommendation letter written by the tutor.
- Actively participate in the social life of the hospital, participate in clinical conferences and research activities of the department.

Upon arrival in order to pass the practice exam the student must provide the following documents:

- 1) IFMSA certificate
- 2) Filled TaMSA-Tatarstan logbook
- 3) The recommendation letter from the head of the department

In early September there will be practice exam, which is required to pass to transfer to the next study year.

Department of international affairs of KSMU is responsible for arranging the place of your practice, for receiving invitation letters and other documents required for visa, controls the quality of international exchange, issues and maintains records for passing final test. Moreover, department organizes the meetings with KSMU students explaining the rules of exchange, filling logbook etc.

Professional exchange

The list of countries available for international professional exchange in 2017 including number of places:

Category	Country	Type of exchange	Months available	Number of places
First	Austria	Bilateral	Any	1
	Germany	Bilateral	July	1
	Belgium	Bilateral	Any	1
	Switzerland (German!)	Bilateral	Any	1
	Serbia	Bilateral	Any	1
	Spain	Bilateral	Any	2
	Italy	Bilateral	July	2
			August	4
	Malta	Unilateral	July	1
			August	3
	Portugal	Unilateral	Any	1
	France	Bilateral	Any	1
	Czech Republic	Bilateral	Any	5
Sweden	Bilateral	July	1	
Second	Bulgaria	1 Unilateral 1 Bilateral	Any	2
	Brazil (DENEM)	Bilateral	Any	1
	Hungary	Unilateral	Any	3
	Greece	Unilateral	Any	3
	Mexico	Bilateral	Any	1
	Slovenia	Bilateral	July	1
	Taiwan	Unilateral	Any	1
	Croatia	Bilateral	Any	2

RESEARCH EXCHANGE

The list of countries for the participation in the international clerkship for the program of the research exchange in 2017:

The category of the country	Country (organization)	Type of the exchange	Month of the clerkship	Amount of places
First	Spain	Bilateral	July	1
	Spain-Catalonia	Unilateral	July	1
	Italy	Bilateral	July	1
	Portugal	Unilateral	July	1
	Czech Republic	Bilateral	Any month	2
	Japan	Bilateral	July or August	1

Second	Mexico	Bilateral	Any month	1
	Taiwan	Bilateral	Any month (except June, January, February)	2
	Croatia	Unilateral	July	2

CATEGORIES OF COUNTRIES ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LANGUAGE AWARENESS

Category 1	Category 2
• <u>Japan</u>	<u>Bulgaria</u>
• <u>Germany</u>	<u>Brazil</u>
• Belgium	<u>Hungary</u>
• <u>Israel</u>	<u>Greece</u>
• <u>Spain</u>	<u>Mexico</u>
• <u>Spain-Catalonia</u>	Tunis
• <u>Italy</u>	Taiwan
• France	Slovenia
• <u>Sweden</u>	Turkey
• <u>Malta</u>	<u>Croatia</u>
• Portugal	
• <u>Czech Republic</u>	
• Austria	
• Switzerland	
• Serbia	

It is required to get no less than 80% in the language exam to have a clerkship in the country of the 1st category, more than 70% - for the 2 category.

More information about the countries you can get on the site www.ifmsa.org in Exchange Conditions section.

Rating system of the IFMSA international exchange competition

English exam (50 points is a maximum value):

- a. Foreign language skills are assessed by the examination committee as follows:
 - Listening – 50%
 - Speaking – 50%
- b. English exam's mark is put by the scale of 100% (maximum value).
- c. It is necessary to score more than 70% to participate in the contest to the countries of the 2nd category. It is necessary to score more than 80% to participate the contest to the countries of the 1st and 2nd categories.
- d. Students who have got less than 70% are excluded from the further participation in the competition.
- e. The result of the English exam are conversed into points by the multiplying on 0,5. Then these points are added to the points of other categories.

Studying progress (30 points is a maximum value):

- a. According to the information in the copies of credit book (for the students) and diploma of a higher medical education (for interns, residents, graduate students) the average score for each candidate is calculated.
- b. According to the average studying performance (Data is retranslated into the five point scale) each candidate gets the following amount of the competitive points:
 - Average mark is 4,50– 5,00 - **30 points**
 - Average mark is 4,00– 4,49 - **25 points**
 - Average mark is 3,50– 3,99 - **20 points**
 - Average mark is 3,00– 3,49 - **15 points**
 - Average mark is less than 3,0 - **the participation is excluded.**

Participation in the activities and projects of TaMSA-Tatarstan and of the Office of the International Affairs of KSMU (20 points is a maximum value):

- a. In order to encourage the participation of the students of KSMU in projects and activities organized by TaMSA-Tatarstan and by the Office of the International Affairs, additional rating points are awarded according to the following criteria:
 - Participation in the admission of foreign students in Kazan (5 points is a maximum value):
 - 1 point - participation in the bilateral exchange,
 - 2 points - volunteering during 1 month (for each month)
 - 4 points - volunteering for more than 1 season;

 - Participation in the "Practical training in medical school. Expanding horizons." conference. (5 points is a maximum value):
 - 1 point - publication of the theses,
 - 2 points – participation in a poster presentation,
 - 3 points - an oral presentation,
 - 5 points - prizewinner;

 - Publications about an international exchange (5 points is a maximum value):
 - 2 points – publication in the russian-language media,

4 points - foreign publications;

- Participation in the activities and projects organized by TaMSA-Tatarstan. (5 points is a maximum value):
- 1 point is awarded for the attendance at each event,
- 2 points - for participating in one of the projects,
- 4 points - for a great contribution to the development of one or more projects.

TaMSA-team members automatically receive 20 points as the organizers of all available events, projects and medical summer exchanges.

- b. Earning points for participating in activities and lectures organized by TaMSA-Tatarstan and Office of the International Affairs of KSMU will be made according to the statements about the attendance of these activities.

The procedure of calculating the penalty points (points that are deducted from the total number of student's points):

- a. A refusal in participation in international exchange after acquiring access to the electronic application form (Application Form - AF) without a valid excuse (valid excuse– a voluntarily given medical certificate as a proof of a difficult health condition, obstructive for going on exchange) - minus 15 points for the following practice season.
Providing a medical certificate is voluntary. The disclaimer of providing is not an obstacle for abolishing the practice. The student has a right to abandon the exchange at any time. However, it will be classified as a refusal without a valid excuse.
- b. An unfilled report form in the electronic exchange database personal account and a TaMSA-report electronic form** by the due time* - minus 10 points.

* The Electronic Evaluation Form is to be filled in on the ifmsa.org website

- c. Material debt to TaMSA - a valid reason to refuse a student to participate in exchange unless the debt is paid.
- d. Academic debt to KSMU - complicated situation during the exchange, which arose because of inappropriate behavior during the reception of incoming students, dereliction of reception of incoming students, insulting TaMSA staff –a valid reason to refuse to accept the application until the next season.
- e. The student, who was decided to be given the penalty points will be notified of this (in person or by e-mail) no later than 7 days before the tender committee on distribution of the students between countries.

Calculation of the final score:

- a. Points from all the categories are added together, which give us the overall rating.
- b. The total score maximum - 100.
- c. Students who scored less than 70% on the foreign language exam will be expelled from further competition, regardless of the rating points for other items, as well as students, with an average score of less than 3.0 academic performance.

d. The final rating has a mark, that shows whether the student is entitled to choose the first category countries (criterion - over 80% on a foreign language exam), regardless of the rating points for other items.

e. In case of equal points the final priority is given to students with better academic performance.

f. In case of equality of average academic performance the priority is given to the student who has more points in category 4: "Participation in the activities and projects of Tatarstan Medical Students Association and the Office of International Affairs of KSMU ".