

Office of Distributed Education



AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
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- Discovery Healthcare Camp – Paid Summer Positions!
- Summer Research Electives
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- Regional Clerkship



Dr. Taylor McCann and Dr. Aaron Lewis Summer Research Elective

About Us

60+

Communities stretching more than 400 kilometres from Windsor to Tobermory

1000

Regional distributed education rotations scheduled annually

4000

Medical students have experienced distributed education in communities across Southwestern Ontario though Discovery Week

900

Regional and Windsor-based faculty with clinical learning opportunities in hospitals, clinics and offices



Academies of Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

Regional Academic Directors



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Lambton-Kent

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Lambton-Kent

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Meet the Team

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The Learning Journey

Undergraduate Medicine Years 1 & 2

- Discovery Week (Y1)
- MedLINC's Summer Program
- Summer Clinical Elective
- Summer Research Elective
- Discovery Healthcare Summer Camp
- Optional Clinical Learning Opportunities (OCLOs)



MedLINCs

MedLINCs is a four-week summer elective program through Distributed Education that places medical students with the Chippewas of Nawash community in the Grey-Bruce region followed by a summer clinical opportunity in the Sarnia-Lambton region.

Building connections, learning from the community and to encouraging Indigenous youth to consider a career in healthcare.





MedLINCs

- February/March - Applications and Interviews
- June 22- MedLINCs Orientation Day at Western
- June 29-July 10: Chippewas of Nawash, Neyaashiingmiing
- July 13 - 24: Sarnia Lambton
 - North Lambton Community Centre
 - Walpole Island First Nation
 - Aamijwnaang First Nation
 - Kettle Point and Stony Point First Nation
- July 31: Reflection

\$1,200 stipend upon completion

Travel and accommodations provided

Why choose MedLINCs?

Allison Pert - MedLINCs 2025



SCAN ME



**discovery
healthcare**

A Summer Camp Experience



What is Discovery Healthcare?

- One Week Day Camp
- High School Aged Students
- Mentor & Inspire Healthcare Careers
- 10 Locations Across SW Ontario
- Paid Student Positions
- Leadership Opportunity
- Mentorship
- Housing & Travel Provided

Roles

Camp Captain

Will work with community coordinators to plan and organize camp schedules and programming, including facilitating guest lectures and hands-on sessions. Provide leadership during active camp days.

APRIL-JULY



Will assist the Captain with ensuring camp readiness. Provide leadership and learning opportunities to campers.

JUNE-JULY

Camp Leader

DHC Teams

One

GODERICH
SARNIA
HANOVER

Two

OWEN SOUND
WOODSTOCK
ST. THOMAS

Three

WINDSOR
CHATHAM

Four

LEAMINGTON
STRATFORD



Week One: July 6-10

Week Two: July 13-17

Week Three: July 20-24

Why Choose DHC?

Joseph Russell
DHC Captain 2025

Apply Today!



Applications are open!

Camp Captain Deadline:
Closes March 13

Camp Leader Deadline:
Closes March 31

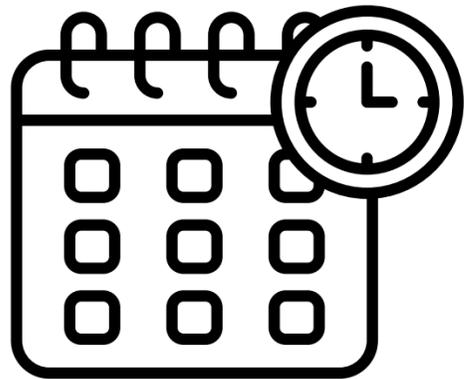


Summer Research Electives

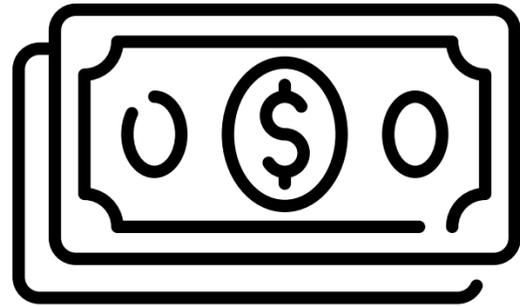
Gain research experience to complement your academic activities

Applications are open!

Summer Research Electives



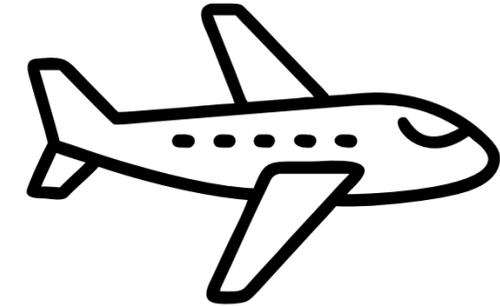
6-weeks
30–35 hrs/week



\$1,200 stipend



Travel &
accommodation
support



Conference funding
for *accepted* abstracts

Projects investigate rural/regional health, medical education, community patient trends, and local practice patterns.

Program Timeline

January - March

Student application period until **March 20!**

April - May

Successful applicants are matched to preceptors

June - July

Program duration

August

All deliverables finalized and completed

Current Opportunities

Principal Investigator	Project Title	Location
Tristan J Walker	Impact of a warming center on homeless visits to the Emergency department	Stratford (hybrid)
Abhishiek Setia	Penicillin Reaction Clinic	Stratford (hybrid)
Shanil Narayan	Mapping addictions associated conditions; Emergency Medical Services	Stratford (hybrid)
Shanil Narayan Erik Van Oosten	Optimizing local treatment for patients with Heart Failure; Determining predictors of patient outcomes in a community health model.	Stratford (hybrid)

FAQs

Is Summer Research Electives the same as the Summer Research Training Program (SRTP)?

No. Summer Research Electives are organized by DE and offer paid research opportunities in the Southwestern Ontario region. Projects focus on regional healthcare and local practice.

Can I participate in more than one project?

It's not feasible to complete more than one in the same summer as the time commitment is 30-35 hours per week over 6 weeks.

How do I apply to the Summer Research Electives program?

Please apply using the [application form on our website](#).

Do NOT contact the PIs directly.

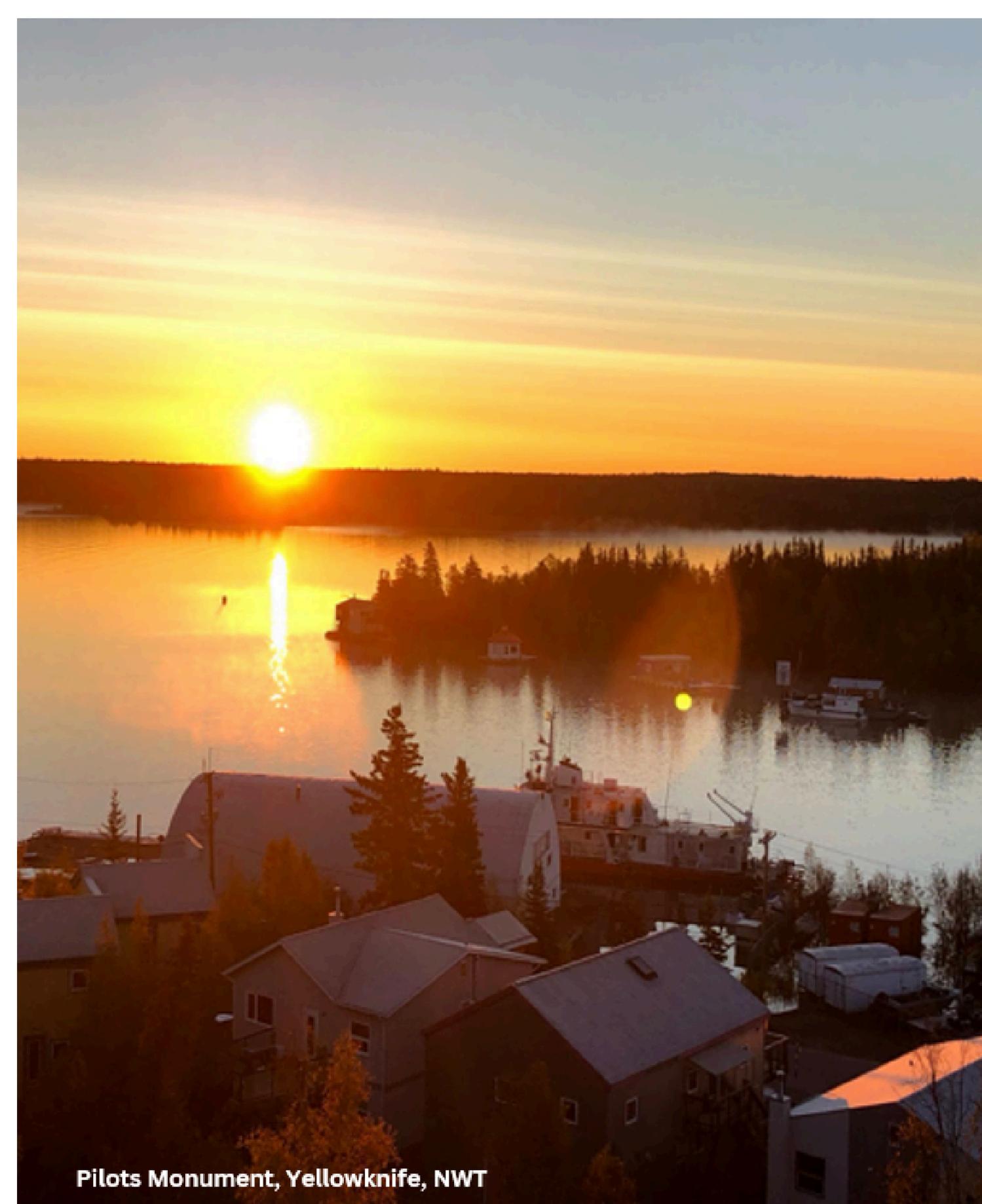
Summer Clinical Electives

- **Four-week clinical elective opportunities during the summers after first and second years.**
- **On a first-come, first-served basis, depending on preceptor availability.**
- **Applications are now open and preceptors are matched with students in April/May.**

Summer Electives

APPLY HERE



A scenic view of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright orange glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. In the foreground, there are several houses with dark roofs, and a large white structure, possibly a barn or a large house, is visible. The water is calm, and there are some small boats or structures in the distance. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

Lubell Funding Grant

Supporting Learners in Rural and Remote Pediatric Rotations

Applications will be accepted until mid February to support costs associated with a summer rotation in Community Pediatrics.

Regional Clerkship Information

**MEDS 2028 – This is your Next Great Learning
Adventure! READY???**

Rural-Regional Clerkship Rotations

- Minimum of **four** weeks in small or mid-sized community in SW Ontario outside of your Academic Home-Base (London or Windsor)



Clerkship Rotations Distributed Education (DE)



Distributed Education Currently Offers....

Paediatrics (4 weeks)

- Chatham
- St. Thomas
- Stratford
- Owen Sound
- Woodstock

Psychiatry (4 weeks)

- Chatham
- Stratford
- Owen Sound

Obs/Gyn (6 weeks)

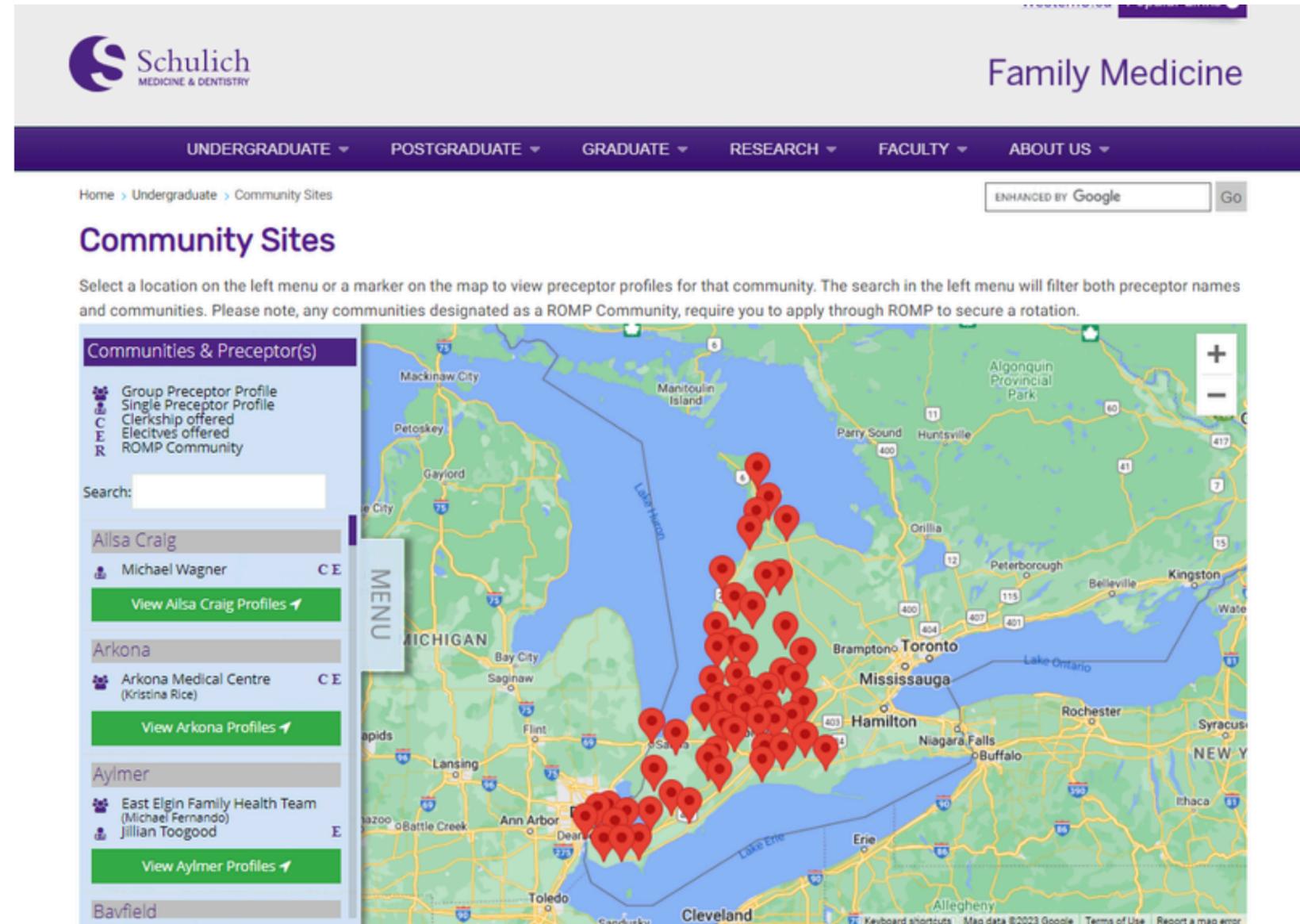
- Chatham
- Sarnia
- Stratford

General Surgery (4 weeks)

- Chatham
- St. Thomas
- Strathroy
- Woodstock
- Leamington

Family Medicine

Please visit our Community Sites Page, found on our Family Medicine Website to review the list of communities available for your FM Plus Rotation

The screenshot shows the Schulich Family Medicine website. At the top left is the Schulich Medicine & Dentistry logo. The page title is "Family Medicine". A navigation bar contains links for UNDERGRADUATE, POSTGRADUATE, GRADUATE, RESEARCH, FACULTY, and ABOUT US. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Undergraduate > Community Sites. A search bar with "ENHANCED BY Google" and a "Go" button is present. The main heading is "Community Sites". Below this is a descriptive paragraph: "Select a location on the left menu or a marker on the map to view preceptor profiles for that community. The search in the left menu will filter both preceptor names and communities. Please note, any communities designated as a ROMP Community, require you to apply through ROMP to secure a rotation." The left sidebar, titled "Communities & Preceptor(s)", lists several categories: Group Preceptor Profile, Single Preceptor Profile, Clerkship offered, Electives offered, and ROMP Community. Below this is a search input field. The list includes: Ailsa Craig (with a "View Ailsa Craig Profiles" button), Arkona (with a "View Arkona Profiles" button), Aylmer (with a "View Aylmer Profiles" button), and Bavfield. The right side of the page features a map of the Great Lakes region with numerous red location markers. A "MENU" button is visible on the left side of the map area.

Family Medicine

FM Core

London students: Completed at one of the full-time academic teaching centres

Urban	Rural
Byron FMC	Ilderton
St. Joseph's FMC	Strathroy
Victoria FMC	Mount Brydges

Windsor students: will be scheduled by the UG team in Windsor

Family Medicine

FM Plus

- Completed in the community – urban or rural
- Opportunity for exposure to areas outside office-based FM
- Numerous communities and preceptors to choose from
- Windsor students: Essex county is an option that would fulfill your rural requirement, but space depends on preceptor availability.

Family Medicine

Who books what??

Windsor UG FM Admin:

- All Windsor FM Core
- Most Windsor FM Plus unless requested otherwise
- Any rural FM Plus rotations in Essex county

London UG FM Admin:

- All London FM Core
- Most London FM Plus unless requested otherwise
- Any rural FM Plus rotations outside Essex county (i.e. rest of DE region)

Transportation?

Transportation to our Community Sites:

- Clerks who have access to a vehicle can drive themselves to their training site
- Clerks who do not have access to a vehicle:
 - **Train** is an option
 - There may be a **bus**
 - **Ride** from family or friend
 - Please keep this in mind when making your community selections

Where Will I Stay?

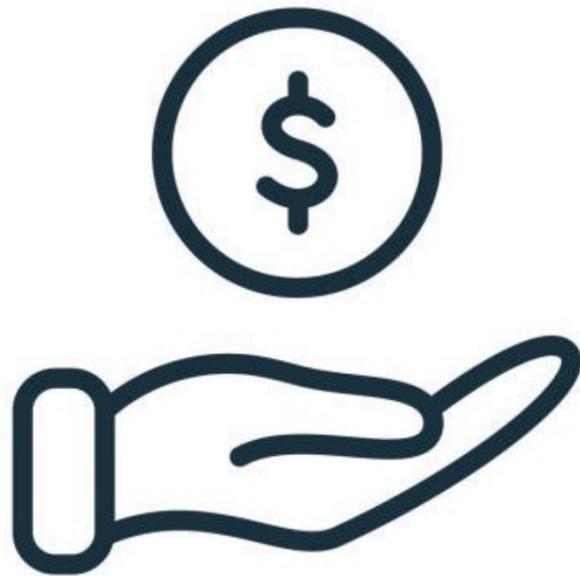
- Rotations scheduled in one of the communities (**Chatham, Sarnia, Stratford, and Owen Sound**) accommodations may be arranged for you on request
- Call Rooms are available at many hospitals for overnight stays (i.e. Listowel, Hanover) - Medical affairs in these communities will help with arranging.
- In other communities, accommodations vary.
In communities where there is no hospital, you will likely need to find your own accommodations (i.e. airbnb).
- Accommodations are reimbursed at the rate of \$800 for 4 weeks. Students are required to pay and submit for reimbursement



Funding? Yes!

DE and FM working together!

Accommodation and Travel Policy for Distributed Sites:



- Review policies at
 - www.schulich.uwo.ca/distributededucation
 - https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/familymedicine/undergraduate/year_3/expenses.html
- No funding for food or daily parking costs
- Online Form for housing request - first requested, first booked manner
- Online Form for travel reimbursement
- Questions – Just ask at distributed.education@schulich.uwo.ca

Rural and Selective Preferences Survey

Opens: Feb 23, 2026 – 2:00pm

Closes: March 11, 2026 - 2:00pm

- This is where you can provide your location preferences
- We look directly at this information and use it to create our schedule
- Please fill it out carefully and accurately
- Adding notes is very helpful if you have preferences
- Things to think about:
 - The time of year of the rotation
 - Whether you have access to a car or transportation (daily commutable vs. somewhere you'll need to stay for the duration)
 - Future interests – including type of medicine you hope to practice, whether you're interested in rural medicine/a specific community

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