

YOUNG VISITORS PROGRAMME

Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) is an international centre of excellence in child healthcare. Together with our research partner, the UCL Institute of Child Health (ICH), we form the UK's only academic biomedical research centre specialising in paediatrics. Since its formation in 1852, the hospital has been dedicated to children's healthcare and to finding new and better ways to treat childhood illnesses. Each year, there are over 200,000 patient visits to the hospital with the Trust offering more than 50 different clinical specialities at GOSH.

GOSH is also at the forefront of paediatric training in the UK. We train more children's nurses than any other hospital and play a leading role in training paediatric doctors. Our mission is to provide world-class clinical care and training, pioneering new research and treatments in partnership with others for the benefit of children in the UK and worldwide. In everything we do, we work hard to live up to our three core values: pioneering, world-class and collaborative.

The Young Visitors Programme is an initiative to offer short taster placements in the different clinical areas of GOSH to students applying for medicine at university. This programme is suitable for Year 12 and 13 students (i.e. sixth form students post GCSE) and runs throughout the year, offering 3 to 5 day placements in the speciality of the student's choice, dependent upon availability of places and supervising staff. The purpose of the programme is to give an idea of what it is like to work in the NHS by shadowing clinical and nursing staff; this is not work experience as there is no hands on work.

The specialities currently participating in the programme are: Anaesthetics; Audiology & Audiovestibular Medicine; Bone Marrow Transplantation; Clinical Genetics; Dermatology; ENT; General Surgery; Haematology/Oncology; Hand, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery; Immunology; Infectious Diseases; Neurodisability; Neurophysiology; Neuroradiology; Neurosurgery; Orthopaedics; Pathology; Radiology; Renal; Resuscitation Services.

Please think carefully about which placement you wish to apply for. GOSH provides highly specialised work that would not provide a typical experience for all students. It might be of greater use and relevance to attain a placement in another hospital that provides general care to patients. In addition as we are a tertiary referral centre there are very many complex and acutely unwell children in GOSH and some students may find this distressing.

Unfortunately we are unable to offer midwifery placements as GOSH does not have prenatal or postnatal wards and maternal postnatal care is provided by the Community Midwives from University College Hospital.

To request an application form please email Young.Visitors@gosh.nhs.uk or contact Paula Smith on 020 7813 8213 if you would like to discuss further.