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# The Project

MedicIndia is a competitive public service fellowship introducing first-year medical students to social service, hands-on-experience, and India. The MedicIndia fellowship is a unique transformational experience - fellows will face many obstacles amongst numerous successes. The project targets both personal growth and human side of medicine. As a group, MedicIndia fellows have the capacity to make a large impact in the work of the doctors, the hospital, and the community. The fellows' creativity and passion is the only limit to their contribution and growth.

Each year, MedicIndia selects 8-12 young professionals for a six-week service fellowship at the New Civil Hospital in Surat, Gujarat, India. The fellows will quickly acclimate to a new educational environment that will challenge their basic understanding of the goals of medicine. Specifically, fellows will rotate through general surgery, medicine, preventive and social medicine, and other specialties. Concurrently speakers, readings, projects and retreats push fellows to consider the historical and social factors that have shaped India.



The MedicIndia fellowship can be a profound personal experience. As the Civil Hospital supports thousands of underserved patients daily, the students will be exposed to the harshest realities of poverty and social inequality. At the same time, they will be overcome by the warmth and generosity of the patients and the doctors who serve them. Making sense of this contrast will force fellows to examine their desire to practice medicine. The support of other fellows will allow each student to step outside this reality and reflect on their day to day activities. Fellows will be frustrated by the massive scale of the problems that these patients face while being inspired by their humility and humanity. Coming to terms with this range of emotions will be difficult but is an integral process for a future in international health.



# The Applicant

MedicIndia is looking for students who want:

- To provide increased health services to a developing community.
- To strengthen a connection with India.
- To build leadership skills within the Indian community.
- Clinical exposure relevant to the Indian healthcare system.
- To develop their understanding of service.

## Requirements

1. First-year M.D. / D.O. student.
2. Good standing at an accredited US medical school.
3. Basic understanding of Gujarati, Hindi, and / or Marathi.

# Live the Experience

Over the weeks, students will grow to understand the struggles and joys of the country and its people. Students will develop a maturing perspective on India and its healthcare system. Because of the hospital's limited resources, students will be exposed to unconventional but effective methods of practicing medicine. Ultimately, MedicIndia looks to develop future leaders of the Indian-American community by exposing them to daily obstacles of healthcare in India.

Work in India's hospitals can be overwhelming as fellows will confront a range of emotions on a daily basis. However, with the support of your group, site staff, and MedicIndia staff, students will grow. MedicIndia looks to harness the power and ability of future doctors. It looks to teach that service is about community sharing, community involvement, and self-empowerment. Ultimately, this fellowship will strengthen the self while illustrating the power of health-care in the service sector.





## Contact Us

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## Application

Please visit [www.medicindia.org](http://www.medicindia.org) to learn more about the fellowship or elective rotations or to download the application. For additional information, please email us at [info@medicindia.org](mailto:info@medicindia.org).

Please note the respective application deadlines.

## Other Opportunities

Besides this first-year medical fellowship, MedicIndia is working to establish a series of elective rotations. Please visit the website for more information.

## 6-Week Summer Fellowship Dates\*

Application Deadline: February 14  
Arrival: Before June 16  
Orientation: June 16 - June 19  
Fellowship Dates: June 20 - July 27  
Final Retreat: July 27 - August 1

## Cost

Fellows are responsible for airfare to and from India and a \$300 project fee.\*

\*Subject to change

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