



The Leprosy Mission is a leading international Christian organisation in leprosy work with over 130 years experience that aims to eradicate the causes and consequences of Leprosy.

This means not just providing a cure, but also addressing the underlying causes, namely poverty. The Leprosy Mission is working with the poorest of the poor, people marginalised for their disability. They aim to restore dignity and wholeness to people affected by leprosy around the world.

A lot has happened in the 132 years of The Leprosy Mission's life: hospitals that were once asylums have become centres of excellence not only for leprosy but for many other health conditions; a disease that was once thought to be a death sentence is now curable; and work that was once centered on India now spans three continents.

TLM is a multi-national organisation working in partnership with governments, public health officials, NGOs, the World Health Organisation (WHO), churches, Christian partners and many other people to achieve its vision of a world without leprosy.

Medical Electives (6-8 week placements)

Medical students, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and nurses are invited to put knowledge into practice on a six to eight week placement. Working alongside our experienced medical professionals in a hospital or community environment, you will learn vital skills that help to relieve the impact of this highly curable disease.

What qualities are needed?

You will need to be:

- Physically and emotionally fit, able to cope with working in a developing country
- Good at working alongside others, able to cope with different cultures and ideas
- Adaptable, resourceful and able to use your own initiative and determinations
- Fluent in English
- A committed Christian

Where can I go?

Currently there are opportunities in India and Nepal.

How much will it cost?

You will be required to raise your own funds for the cost of return airfare, insurance and medical costs. TLM will pay for board and lodging during the placement. The TLM National Council office will be able to give you advice on fund raising, and we would encourage you to ask your local church, family and friends to sponsor you.

What next?

Step 1: Fill in a medical elective application form and medical report and send it to the state or national Office; they will contact you to discuss your application

Step 2. TLM will contact their field offices to see if a suitable placement is available.



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Step 3: If a suitable placement is available, you will be invited to attend an interview at the TLM Office in your home country. References will also be required.

Step 4: Once you have been accepted, they will help you prepare for your placement. You will also receive advice on vaccinations required for the region you will be visiting.

Please visit <http://www.leprosymission.org.au> or contact Leonie Brogan at 08 8367 5109 or tlima_sant@bigpond.com for more information.

Additional information about The Leprosy Mission is also available on the Insight Electives Database at www.insight-health.org.au



PERSONAL DETAILS

Name		Current course & year level	
E-mail address		Phone number (optional)	0403 929 526
<i>Information disclosure:</i> Do you give Insight permission to make your contact details available to anyone with further questions?			Yes

ELECTIVE DETAILS

Country	India & Nepal	City	Various
Setting	Urban & rural; tropical & temperate		
Local languages spoken	Hindi, English (some), local dialects		
Dates of elective	From Negotiable	To Negotiable	Duration 6-8 weeks
Year level during elective		Expected level of knowledge	4 th , 5 th or 6 th year

DETAILS OF INSTITUTION

Name	Various	Population served	Local (urban or rural)
Size	Various		
Departments/specialties available	Dermatology, ophthalmology, obstetrics & gynaecology, general surgery, general medicine		
Further description			
Student responsibilities			
Teaching availability			
Elective contact	Léonie Brogan sa@leprosymission.org.au		
Application process			
Donations brought/grants	Needs of institution?		

TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION, FOOD, LEISURE...

EXPECTED COSTS

Accommodation options	On-site accommodation, usually in guest house	Provided
Accommodation details		
Travel to location (including necessary documentation)	Return airfares, possible internal rail travel	AUD\$1500-3000
Transport within location	Local transport provided by facility	Provided
Food allowances	Meals catered by guest house staff	Provided
Social activities		AUD\$
Recommended vaccinations	Dependent on destination	AUD\$



ADDITIONAL DETAILS

The good	Opportunity to serve poorest of poor; opportunity to treat diseases, conditions unseen in Australia; opportunity to learn techniques not seen in Australia; opportunity to experience different culture
The bad	Culture shock, adjustment to food & weather conditions, language barriers, exposure to extreme poverty
Further descriptions, comments or advice	
For more information	www.leprosymission.org.au
Recommendation rating	