

CHarME - Questionnaire on student mobility

1. Welcome to the CHARME questionnaire on student mobility

The CHarME project (Challenges of Harmonising Medical Education in Europe) is an initiative of 8 medical faculties to make their curricula more transparent, more comparable, more compatible and (most importantly!) more responsive to the needs of the 21st century labour market and society in general. One major focus of the project is student mobility as this requires close collaboration between medical faculties, transparent curricula and easily readable degrees.

The medical students involved in this project designed a short questionnaire to learn more about your experience with mobility. Whether you have already been abroad or you plan to do so - we want to hear about your motivation, expectations and possible obstacles you have encountered.

Completing the following questionnaire should not take you longer than 10 minutes. The survey is anonymous. The record kept of your survey responses does not contain any identifying information about you unless a specific question in the survey has asked for this. We appreciate your time.

Also, we want to hear as much student opinions as possible. Therefore we would be most grateful if you could tell your fellow students about this survey and invite them to participate.

Thank you!

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The CHarME project is being carried out with the support of the European Community. Up to date information is accessible on our website - www.charite.de/charme.

2. General information

1. How old are you?

2. Are you male or female?

male

female

not specified

3. Which university/medical faculty are you studying at?

Charité – Universitaetsmedizin Berlin

Universiteit Antwerpen, medical faculty

Leids Universitair Medisch Centrum

UFR Médicale Paris Descartes

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, medical faculty, Rome

Karolinska Institutet, medical faculty, Stockholm

Semmelweis Egyetem, medical faculty, Budapest

Universitaet Basel, medical faculty

4. What course of studies are you enrolled in?

Medicine

Medicine – reformed curriculum (if your university offers two parallel curricula)

Dentistry

Nursing sciences

Other (please specify)

5. In what year and semester of your medical training are you?

Year

semester

3. Mobility I

* 1. Have you already spent part of your medical training abroad?

Yes

No

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4. Mobility II

Alright, you have already been abroad. With the next questions we would like to learn more about your experiences. If you have already taken part in more than one exchange, please refer to the exchange with the longest duration.

1. What was your motivation to study abroad? Please rank the priority of the following choices from 1 (highest priority) to 8 (lowest priority).

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	N/A
Learn and/or improve foreign language skills	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cultural experiences	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Understand how other health care systems work	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Learn about different curricula	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Center of expertise for specific research topic	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Get to know other people	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Long to travel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Change of climate	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Other (please specify)

2. In which country /university have you been?

Country

University

3. How many months did you stay there?

4. What did you do in particular? (multiple answers possible)

- Clinical rotation (medical training in a clinic)
- Practical training
- Curriculum unit (courses, lectures, seminars etc.)
- Research exchange

Other (please specify)

5. In which part of your curriculum did your exchange take place?

Year

Semester

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6. What factors were important in your decision for a particular exchange university/country? (multiple answers possible)

- Personal relation to the country (family, friends etc.)
- Country itself
- Climate
- Culture
- Language requirements
- Innovative medical curriculum
- Research opportunities

Other (please specify)

7. How would you rate you language proficiency before and after the exchange?

	excellent	very good	good	sufficient	insufficient	N/A
Before	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
After	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Did you take any preparatory language classes at your home university?

- Yes No

9. Would you rate the offer of language classes as sufficient?

- Yes No

10. Did you take any language classes at your exchange university?

- Yes No, but there were courses offered No, there were no such courses offered.

11. Did you encounter any language problems?

	Yes	No
communication with fellow students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
communication with doctors/patients	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
daily conversations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Were the cost of living at your host university higher, lower or about the same as at home? (cost of living: accommodation, food, public transport, books, tuition fees etc.)

- Higher Lower About the same

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13. Did you receive any financial support for your exchange? (multiple choices possible)

- ERASMUS
- University foundation
- National foundation
- Private foundation
- Parents'/Family support
- Student loan
- No support at all

Other (please specify)

14. Was there an International Office at your host university in charge of advising students regarding their exchange?

Yes

No

15. Did they provide support in finding accommodation?

No

Yes

If yes, please specify the kind of support

16. How would you rate their overall support?

poor

fair

good

very good

excellent

N/A

17. How did you adapt to the different curriculum, teaching and assessment methods?

Adapted without problems

Adapted with some problems in the beginning

Didn't adapt

You may want to specify here:

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18. How would you rate the flexibility your home university with regard to the study plan for your exchange?

Very flexible and supportive

Somewhat flexible

Not flexible at all

19. How would you rate the flexibility your exchange university with regard to the study plan for your exchange?

Very flexible and supportive

Somewhat flexible

Not flexible at all

20. Did you encounter problems with the recognition of courses/internships/rotations taken abroad?

Yes, no recognition at all

Yes, only parts weren't recognized

Yes, grade was not recognized

No

Exchange was not for credit (e.g. research exchange)

21. Were there any social activities offered for the incomings at your exchange university?

Yes

No

22. Did you take part in them?

Yes

No

23. Please rate your overall satisfaction with your exchange.

poor

fair

good

very good

excellent

N/A

5. Mobility III

1. Do you have plans to spend part of your medical training abroad?

Yes

No

6. Mobility IV

With the next questions we would like to learn more about your plans to study abroad.

1. In what year/semester do you plan to go abroad?

Year

Semester

2. What is your motivation to study abroad? (multiple answers possible)

- Learn/ improve foreign language
- Cultural experiences
- Understand how other health care systems work
- Learn about different curricula
- Center of expertise for specific research topic
- Get to know other people
- Long to travel
- Change of climate

Other (please specify)

3. What country / university are you planning to study at?

Country

University

4. How many months do you plan to stay there?

5. What do you want to do in particular? (multiple answers possible)

- Clinical rotation (medical training in a hospital)
- Practical training
- Curriculum unit (courses, lectures, seminars etc.)
- Research exchange

Other (please specify)

7. Mobility V

We are interested in your motives why you decided against taking part in an exchange.

1. Why do you not want to spend part of your medical training abroad? (multiple answers possible)

- Too much effort to organize everything
- Concern that the education abroad is not as good as at your medical faculty
- Don't want to delay studies
- Financial burden of an exchange is too high
- Concern about language barrier
- Concern about recognition of academic credits acquired abroad
- Concern one cannot meet the expectations on medical students in the exchange country

Other (please specify)

8. Mobility VI

1. When do you think is the easiest time in the curriculum of your home university for exchange? (The numbers stand for the semesters, you can make multiple selections)

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
Clinical rotation (medical training in a hospital):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum units (seminars, courses, lectures):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internship (usually the medical training in a hospital during the final year):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Do you have any comments about this survey?

Is there anything we missed out which you think should have been addressed?

