

# The VSLO® Program

## VSLO® Student Essentials

Welcome to the AAMC Visiting Student Learning Opportunities™ (VSLO®) program! We developed this guide to help you get started quickly and easily. If you have questions, the VSLO Client and Technical Support team is available during business hours (Mon - Fri 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Eastern Time). You can [contact us online](#) or call us at 202-478-9878.

## What is the VSLO® Program?

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The AAMC Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) program enables medical and public health students to pursue short-term learning opportunities in the United States and globally. The VSLO program supports students through the process of searching for electives, submitting applications, and completing their resulting educational experience(s). The VSLO program includes:

- Educational opportunities, including pre-clinical, community-based global health, research, and clinical opportunities.
- An application which allows you to search for and apply to opportunities.
- A Global and U.S. Network of participating institutions.
- The VSLO team, a group of AAMC professionals dedicated to supporting students throughout the application process.

To learn more about VSLO: [view our website](#) and [FAQ's](#).

## Accessing the Application Service

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You can search for electives and submit applications through the VSLO application service. Follow these instructions to sign in:

- Sign in from the main program page, [www.aamc.org/vslo](http://www.aamc.org/vslo) or go directly to [vslo.aamc.org/vslo](http://vslo.aamc.org/vslo).
- **If you have not yet received an invitation email:** Contact the administrator at your Home institution to be granted access. If you do not know your Home administrator, [contact us online](#).

If you are unable to access the VSLO application service, please [contact us online](#) or call 202-478-9878.

## Complete Your Profile

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Your profile will become part of each application you submit. Ensuring that your profile is complete and accurate will facilitate a successful application process.

Complete your profile with personal and academic information by selecting *My Application* from the top navigation bar.

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### Search for Electives

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You can search for opportunities based on institution, location, estimated expenses, language, specialty and more. Please note that only opportunities that you are eligible to apply for will be visible to you. To search for an elective:

1. [Log in to the VSLO application service](#)
2. Select *Find Electives* from the top navigation bar
3. Use filters to find elective opportunities based on, but not limited to, *specialty, Host institution, and geographic location*
4. Click *Learn More* to view a description, application requirements, and available dates for each elective
5. Click the *Save* button to save electives for future consideration
6. Select a *date* and click *Apply Now* to begin the application process

### Apply for Electives

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Once you find your electives, you will start the application process by selecting dates and clicking *Apply Now*. You'll then:

#### **Acknowledge Applicant Agreement**

Students must agree to the terms and conditions that govern their use of the application service, including truthfulness in their application materials, release of personal information, and acknowledgment that they must remain engaged and responsive during the elective application process.

#### **Complete Host Requirements**

Requirements vary between Host institutions and the electives to which you are applying. You will fulfill all requirements within the application service as you submit your elective requests.

#### **Pay Application Service Fee**

### Tracking Your Submitted Applications

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When you log in to the VSLO application service, you will be able to track the status of each application.

1. Select *Tracking* from the top navigation bar
2. **Awaiting My Action:** These applications require you to complete an action, such as responding to a Host offer or resubmitting a requirement.
3. **Under Review:** These applications are either awaiting release by your Home institution or under review by the Host institution.
4. **My Application History:** These applications have reached a final status, such as offer accepted or withdrawn.

### Manage Your Documents

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Manage your documents in one place so you can easily use them to fulfill Host requirements.

- Upload documents by selecting *My Documents* from the top navigation bar.
- Upload documents as you fulfill Host requirements. These will then be added to and available in *My Documents*.
- Your Home institution can also upload documents for you. These will then be added to and available in *My Documents*.