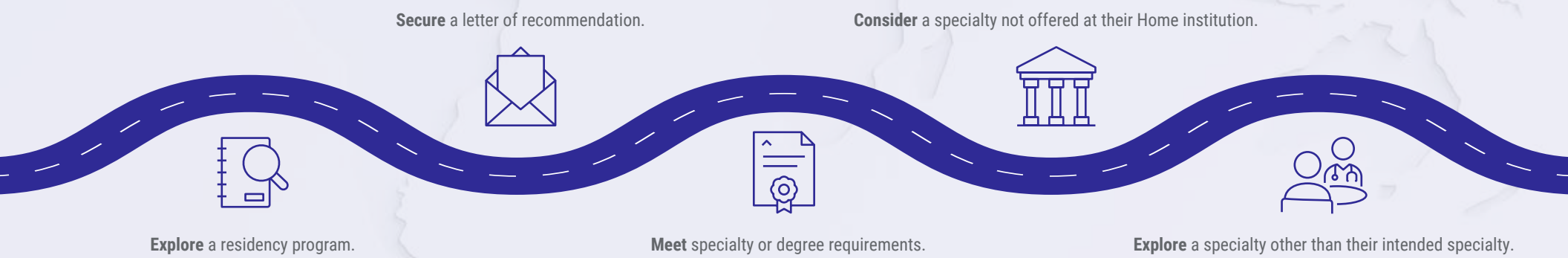


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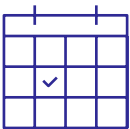
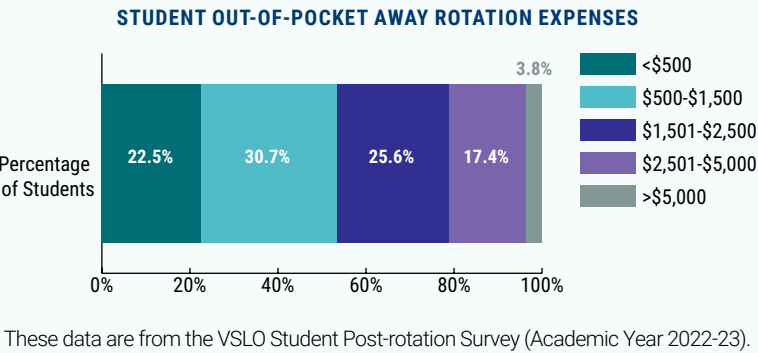


The Visiting Student Learning Opportunities™ (VSLO®) platform has broad usership. Students can search for away rotation opportunities that are a match by specialty, timing, geography, and Host location.

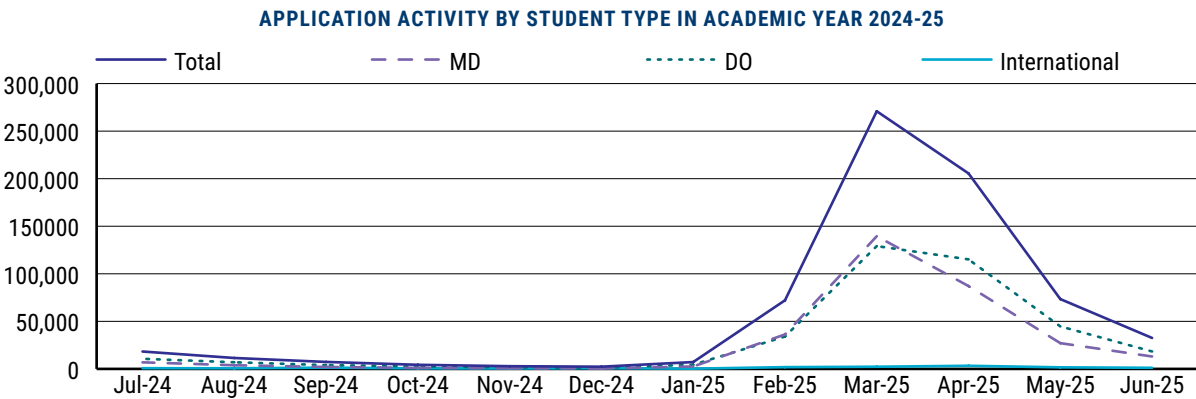
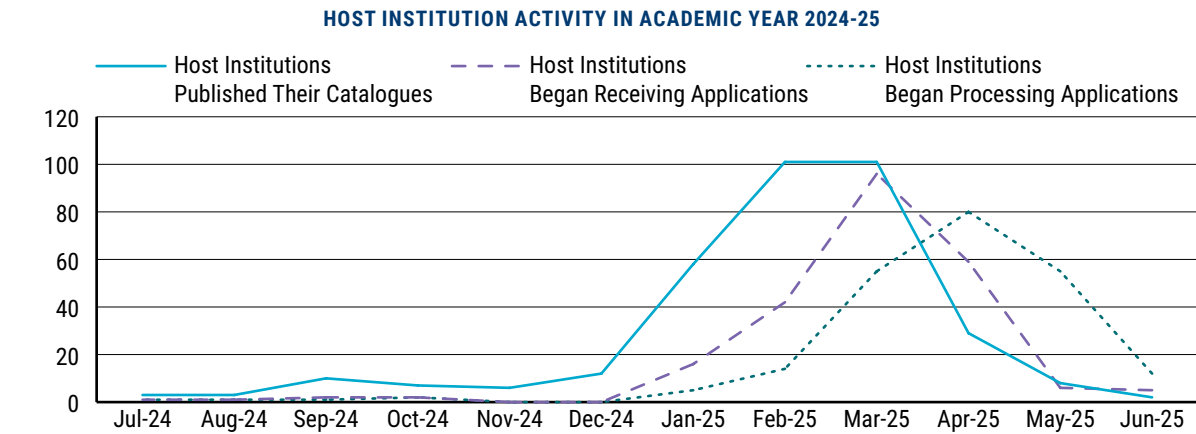




The cost of an away rotation depends on many variables. Traveling to the rotation, short-term housing costs, and application/tuition costs are the expenses students mentioned most frequently.



Because students’ rotation schedules are driven by their individual and medical school calendars and curriculum, there is no overarching official calendar for when students complete an away rotation. To accommodate our learners and programs, the VSLO platform is open all year.



The schedules on which Host institutions review applications and send student offers vary. Hosts are encouraged to provide offers to students at least 30 days prior to the start of a rotation.

AVERAGE TIME BETWEEN SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION AND ATTENDING A ROTATION





Through the VSLO program, students have a high success rate in finding and attending away rotation opportunities.

VSLO APPLICANTS AND ACCEPTANCES BY STUDENT TYPE

	Applicants	Average Number of Electives Applied to	Offers Made by Institutions	Offers Accepted by Students
MD Students	15,569	8	32,291	19,691
DO Students	11,435	11	29,367	20,618
International Students	1,431	5	631	301
Total	28,435	9	62,289	40,610



VSLO Host institutions offered rotations in 140 different specialty and subspecialty areas. A total of 16,530 unique electives (and to better match students’ schedules, many more alternative date options for each of these specialty rotations) were available through the VSLO program in the 2024-25 academic year. Below is information about the specialties with the highest volume of VSLO unique and alternative date applications.

SPECIALTY AWAY ROTATIONS WITH THE HIGHEST VOLUME OF VSLO UNIQUE AND ALTERNATIVE DATE APPLICATIONS

Specialty	Unique Electives Available*	Total Offers Made	Offers Accepted
Internal Medicine	1,894	6,694	2,120
Anesthesiology	334	2,984	893
Obstetrics and Gynecology	653	2,381	897
Surgery-General	1,028	3,962	1,139
Pediatrics	1,718	4,181	1,367
Emergency Medicine	544	9,216	2,059
Psychiatry	675	2,059	656
Dermatology	184	2,167	787
Orthopaedic Surgery	306	5,344	1,471
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	175	1,680	428
Family Medicine	509	2,457	899
Neurology	335	1,455	560
Ophthalmology	205	1,562	458
Radiology-Diagnostic	412	2,229	669
Otolaryngology	186	2,101	550
Plastic Surgery	123	1,370	395
Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical	386	1,040	284
Urology	197	1,767	454
Neurological Surgery	182	1,365	362
Radiation Oncology	121	633	216

* The data do not reflect the additional alternative dates available for these unique electives.