

Siriraj Hospital at Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand

The Siriraj Hospital at Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand, is the home of the country's first medical school and public hospital. This is a preeminent tertiary medical center teaching hospital and prides itself on providing exemplary medical services with interdisciplinary, comprehensive and compassionate care. As a leading medical institute accredited with international standards, the Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital is eager to share global perspectives on education, health care and research. Many of the faculty and residents spend time training internationally and are comfortable conducting rounds and teaching in English.



Pediatric residents from UCLA will have the opportunity to round with the pediatrics team on busy general pediatrics wards and in the afternoons can observe in subspecialty clinics, including infectious disease, hematology, endocrinology, emergency care, etc. This is a tremendous opportunity to see tropical infections, HIV/AIDS, opportunistic infections, vaccine preventable diseases, thalassemia, and many other conditions in a developing world setting but with tertiary care facility diagnostic and treatment capabilities. The pediatrics department at Siriraj Hospital conducts bedside rounds and provides outstanding patient-family centered care.

Bangkok is a beautiful place to visit and is the capital city and largest urban area in Thailand. Visitors may initially be overwhelmed by the heat, humidity, traffic and chaos of the city but quickly discover the warmth of the people, delicious Thai food and tropical fruits, and beautiful architecture. Bangkok is a tropical metropolis that is also one of the most traveler-friendly cities in Asia with opportunities for inexpensive weekend travel within Thailand to beautiful beach areas of Phuket and the historical city of Chiang Mai.

Application Details:

The maximum number of residents to be accommodated each year varies depending upon how many Thai residents UCLA is able to accommodate in exchange. Many of the clinics and patient services will be closed during Songkran, the mid-April festival therefore you are encouraged to schedule your rotation dates to not overlap with this festival.

No language requirement.

It is highly recommended to receive Hepatitis A vaccination, rabies vaccinations, JE vaccination, malaria prophylaxis, HIV post-exposure prophylaxis.

Approximate expenses \$2000.



(Photo L to R: Michelle Lim, Wanatpreeya Phongsamart, Aileen Kang)

Your local mentor in Bangkok is Dr. Wanatpreeya Phongsamart, Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Infectious Disease.

Recommended housing is within walking distance of the hospital at PSB1 apartments (www.psbapartment.com), estimated room rates of \$300-600 per person per month. Another housing option, slightly further away but less expensive is Ruen Indra (www.ruenindra.com) and if interested you can contact the apartment at ruenindra@gmail.com. Housing arrangements should be made early as spots can fill up. In 2015-2016, residents preferred Ruen Indra over PSB.