What is FutureDocs Abroad?
FutureDocs Abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity abroad for high school students to gain hands-on experience in real-life gross anatomy labs, operating rooms, and medical treatment rooms, and to observe human autopsies (experiences reserved only for third- and fourth-year medical students here in the United States).

Imagine walking alongside physicians as they treat patients and perform procedures in the emergency room, outpatient clinic, and medical ward.

FutureDocs Abroad was created by the National Leadership Academies to give high school students an opportunity right now to experience what up until now they’ve only seen on TV!

What can a high school student gain and experience by taking part in FutureDocs Abroad?
The hands-on learning students will experience in these 16 days will give them an undeniable competitive advantage over other students interested in pursuing a career in the field of medicine. This is one opportunity that will make them significantly stand out when applying to colleges, writing admission essays, and more. At the same time, students will receive a substantial increase in self-confidence, having experienced a rare opportunity like this one.

These students will have a truly remarkable hands-on and face-to-face approach to medicine they cannot get anywhere else. Students will also be given the opportunity to experience a different culture, as well as build long-term friendships with those students who share their dreams and passions – other young people who want to make a difference in the world and devote their future to saving lives.

How many students will be allowed in this program?
FutureDocs Abroad will accept only 100 students to participate in FutureDocs Abroad 2018 in Belgrade, Serbia. Students will be split into smaller, more intimate groups for the program itself so they can participate in more activities throughout these intensive 16 days, as well as experience a more hands-on approach. English-speaking physicians from the host university will guide students in their areas of expertise through each rotation. Experienced National Leadership Academies chaperones will travel with the students to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip.

Will this All Access Medical Internship help a student get into college and/or medical school?
FutureDocs Abroad is designed to give high-achieving students an opportunity to see, touch, and feel medicine in a way they never imagined possible at this point in their lives.

This program is designed to motivate and inspire students to work harder and with greater focus and dedication. It will give them a newfound confidence. This will allow them to mold themselves into stronger candidates for admission to any college or medical school.
Why choose Serbia as a location for FutureDocs Abroad?

The National Leadership Academies has ties with medical organizations and leaders in the education and healthcare fields in Serbia, which allows students this superb access and experience. Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, is a safe and charming European city built at the confluence of two major rivers in Europe: the Danube and the Sava. Serbia is also popular because of the country’s deep cultural history and the people’s renowned warmth and hospitality.

The National Leadership Academies also has a relationship with the University of Belgrade Faculty of Medicine, which is the largest institution dedicated to the education of physicians in the entire Balkan region. This allows an elite level of access and cooperation for attending students in the Faculty’s hospitals and clinics. The University of Belgrade is ranked as a top 300 university in the world by the Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities.

English is widely spoken in Serbia and many universities offer studies in English to attract international students. The University of Belgrade Faculty of Medicine, where FutureDocs Abroad will be hosted in 2018, was the first medical institution in Serbia to offer medical studies in English, and has been offering the English-language medical studies program for over 20 years.

All FutureDocs Abroad activities will take place at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Medicine and its affiliated hospitals and facilities.

Who will chaperone students during the program?

Students will be chaperoned by a team of staff experienced in managing student programs. Chaperones accompany students on the international flight, stay in the same overnight accommodations, and accompany them on cultural excursions off-campus in order to be available 24/7 to students.

Where will students stay during the program?

Arrangements will be secured for students and chaperones to reside in a hotel within walking distance to the University of Belgrade Faculty of Medicine.

The hotel will be safe and comfortable with modern amenities and air conditioning. Student accommodations will be single-gender, double occupancy. The hotel offers a laundry service (payable by the individual at reception), large common areas, and a gym. It is ideally located at only a 10-minute walk from the main campus and medical facilities of the University of Belgrade, and with access to convenience stores, cafes, and pharmacies along the way.

Strict curfews will be enforced on students throughout their stay, who again will be assigned a specific chaperone to report to. Students will be chaperoned at all times when outside the care of staff at the medical center and hospital. Parents may contact chaperones directly if they cannot reach their child for any reason.

How will students “get around” during the program?

Since the University of Belgrade Faculty of Medicine and its facilities (where most of the FutureDocs Abroad sessions will take place) and the overnight accommodations will be within close proximity of each other, students will walk with their small groups and chaperones to and from program activities. Private motor coaches will be arranged for any off-site excursions or activities that take place outside the immediate area.
What is the tuition for FutureDocs Abroad, and what does it include?

The tuition per student to participate in FutureDocs Abroad is $6,250.00. A payment plan may be offered; please contact our Admissions Office for more information. A $1,000.00 security deposit is required upon enrollment. Tuition payments, including the security deposit, are non-refundable.

FutureDocs Abroad tuition includes all program costs, international air travel, accommodations, chaperones, three daily meals, your personalized Achievement and Leadership Certificate (mailed to you after the program), as well as any necessary local transportation. All international travel plans and accommodations will be arranged by the National Leadership Academies team, and are included in the tuition payment.

Tuition does not include recommended trip cancellation insurance, domestic airfare to the departure location for international travel (or other domestic transportation methods), required visas or passport fees, required vaccinations, health records or tests, spending cash for souvenirs or snacks, or airline baggage fees.

How does a student arrange U.S. domestic travel?

Students should arrange their U.S. domestic travel to meet FutureDocs Abroad teams at an airport (to be announced) on the American east coast on Thursday, August 9, 2018. The specific times of departure and arrival will be confirmed in future correspondence. Return travel should be arranged to meet flights arriving on the east coast on Saturday, August 25.

Exact international travel details, including flight numbers and travel times, will be provided to the student no later than four months before the departure date.

Again, all international air travel, local transportation, and hotel accommodations will be arranged by the National Leadership Academies and are all included in the tuition payment. Students’ international flights will be reserved as a group, along with the flights for the National Leadership Academies team members, who will accompany students on flights from the U.S. to Serbia and back.

What is the refund policy for FutureDocs Abroad?

Due to the limited spaces available for students, we do not offer refunds once a student has committed to attending this program. This includes any and all tuition payments as well as security deposits.

Do students need a visa to enter Serbia?

At this time, citizens of the U.S. do not require a visa to travel to Serbia if they are staying for fewer than 90 days. However, visa requirements for travel to Europe may change in the future, and the National Leadership Academies will alert students and parents of visa requirements should changes occur. Students will need a current and valid U.S. Passport for entry into Serbia, with at least 6 months’ validity after the last date of the scheduled trip.

What vaccinations or immunizations will a student need?

All students’ routine vaccinations must be up to date. A complete list of other recommended vaccinations will be provided well before departure and in time for proper administration prior to the program.

If students are taking any prescription medicines, they should pack enough for every day they are away from home including travel days (17 days), along with an additional three to four days’ supply. Students are required to keep all prescription medications in the original prescription bottles and to always carry those bottles in their carry-on luggage. Be sure to check TSA guidelines if the medicines are liquids.
Does a student need to register with the U.S. Embassy?
All students’ stays will be enrolled by the National Leadership Academies in the U.S. Department of State’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program or at the U.S. Consulate General in Belgrade, Serbia. By enrolling, students and families can receive the embassy’s most recent security and safety updates during the trip. Enrolling also ensures that we can reach parents or any parent-designated emergency points of contact during an emergency. The U.S. Consulate General in Belgrade is located at

The Consular Agency in Belgrade:
ul. Paderewskiego 8 Room 06
61-770 Belgrade, Serbia
Telephone: +48 61 851 8516
Email: CAPoz@post.pl

What about international safety?
As with travel to any international destination, general awareness, staying within the group as required by program policies, and trained leadership from program staff will greatly reduce the likelihood of any safety concerns. All students will be trained on safety and security measures as well as plans of response should a safety concern arise, either locally or elsewhere within the country.

What about weather in Serbia at that time of year?
Summer months in Serbia are generally very pleasant, with the temperatures in August falling around 75 - 85°F during the day and in the 60s at night. The days are typically sunny with minimal rainfall. Prior to departure, a suggested packing list to prepare for the summer weather will be provided to ensure safety and comfort.

What if a student becomes ill or injured while on the trip?
Should a student become ill on the trip, injure himself or herself, or require medical treatment, the chaperone to whom the student is assigned will bring the student to the emergency room and remain with him or her while parents are contacted immediately.

The National Leadership Academies requires all students to submit emergency contacts and disclose medical conditions, allergies, dietary restrictions and/or special needs, prescriptions, etc., before the trip so that if it becomes necessary for the student to go to the hospital for any reason, our team has all this important information on hand.

What can students bring with them (laptop, iPod, cell phone, etc.)?
Students can bring all of the above. As with any travel, students will be reminded to be cautious about using their devices in public and to avoid being distracted by devices while in public settings.

What is the dress code for FutureDocs Abroad?
Students will be asked to wear scrubs and a long white lab coat for all sessions at the hospital and medical facilities. For weekend excursions and off-time from the hospital, students should pack comfortable/casual clothes. Students are welcome to bring any personal items and spending money for the duration of the program. We recommend students also pack a small first-aid kit and any over-the-counter personal hygiene items they might need because many personal items we are used to getting easily are not as easy to get in another country.

Students will receive a suggested packing list prior to departure to help them pack everything they need for this adventure.
Are there any other expenses for which students will be responsible? What is the currency used in Serbia?

FutureDocs Abroad tuition includes all program costs, international airfare, accommodations, local in-country transportation, and meals, including breakfast, lunch, and dinner. NOTE: Students with special dietary restrictions are asked to submit this information with the required emergency contact, medical conditions, and prescription medication paperwork before the trip.

Students may want to bring pocket money for their own personal expenses, shopping, personal care items, etc. ($250-$300 should be more than adequate). Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted in Serbia; American Express is occasionally accepted, and Discover Card is rarely accepted. Parents should ask their credit card companies about their international transaction fees and alert them of the student's international travel plans beforehand to avoid security holds.

Serbia’s currency is the dinar. Currently, 100 Serbian dinar equals about 1 USD. U.S. bank ATM cards can also be used in Serbia to obtain dinar. Students should check with their bank about foreign ATM transaction and conversion fees. To avoid additional fees, students may bring U.S. dollars that can be exchanged for the local currency, which the National Leadership Academies’ staff can facilitate on-site for students.

Is college credit available?

Yes. Through our academic partnership with Washington Adventist University, students who participate in FutureDocs Abroad are eligible to earn transferable college credit from Washington Adventist University at an additional cost, upon completion of additional course work. Complete information will be provided upon enrollment.

How will parents and students be able to communicate?

The National Leadership Academies staff will provide parents the email addresses, Skype accounts, and local cell phone numbers of all team/chaperone leaders. We suggest families open a free Skype account at www.skype.com to enable them to communicate internationally for free via a laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

If you have any questions that are not answered here, and you would like to speak directly with an Admissions Counselor, please call us toll-free at (888)-986-6563 or send us an email at Admissions@AllAccessMed.com.