

2026 CICM International Elective Program (Research-Based)

The 2026 CICM International Elective Program (Research-Based) was organized by the Chulabhorn International College of Medicine (CICM), Thammasat University, in collaboration with Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (CDUTCM), China. The program was conducted from 13 May to 10 August 2026 and welcomed 39 students from CDUTCM from the fields of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Acupuncture-Moxibustion and Tuina, and Clinical Medicine.

Program at a Glance

Item	2026 Program
Program Period	13 May – 10 August 2026
Participants	39 CDUTCM students
Academic Structure	4 courses, totaling 12 credits
Program Focus	Medical sciences, research methodology, patient assessment, clinical observation, research project development, and integrative medicine
Learning Approaches	Interactive lectures, Team-Based Learning (TBL), Problem-Based Learning (PBL), Small Group Discussion (SGD), Self-Directed Learning (SDL), laboratory and simulation activities, supervised clinical observation, and research supervision
Research Component	Students worked in small groups under faculty supervision to develop a research proposal, receive feedback through regular supervision meetings, and deliver a final oral presentation
Clinical & Practical Exposure	Supervised clinical observation, clinical case discussion, simulation-based learning, biomedical laboratory activities, and exposure to Thai Traditional Medicine, Traditional Chinese Medicine, and integrative medicine
Educational & Cultural Exposure	University and hospital visits, research and laboratory visits, Thai traditional medicine activities, and educational and cultural field trips in Thailand
Key Outcomes	Development of knowledge and skills in medical sciences, research methodology, clinical reasoning, critical thinking, research proposal development, teamwork, scientific communication, and cross-cultural learning

What Students Gained

Through this integrated academic experience, students were provided opportunities to:

- strengthen their foundation in **medical sciences and research methodology**;
- develop **clinical reasoning and patient assessment skills** through supervised learning and observation;
- apply **critical thinking and evidence-based approaches** to medical and research questions;
- gain practical experience in **research design and proposal development**;
- develop **teamwork, scientific communication, presentation, and discussion skills**;
- experience **biomedical, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Thai Traditional Medicine, and integrative medicine perspectives**; and
- broaden their understanding of **Thailand's medical education, healthcare environment, culture, and international academic collaboration**.

The program therefore combined **academic learning, research training, supervised clinical exposure, practical learning, and cross-cultural experience**, providing CDUTCM students with a comprehensive international elective experience at Thammasat University.

Highlights from the 2026 CICM International Elective Program

- Research-Based Learning and Supervision





- Team-Based and Problem-Based Learning



- Laboratory and Simulation-Based Learning



- Supervised Clinical Observation







- Traditional and Integrative Medicine Activities









- Educational and Cultural Field Trips









- Research Proposal Presentation





- Closing Ceremony and Certificate Presentation







