

PROGRAM FEE REQUEST

University: University of Arizona

College: Colleges of Medicine – Phoenix and Tucson

Circle one: Graduate	Undergraduate	Medical Students
	Circle one: Upper Division	Lower Division Both
New _____ (Proposed Program Fee)	_____ (Effective Date)	Program will be offered through: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main Campus <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach College <input type="checkbox"/> Both Proposed fee to be applied as: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Per Term <input type="checkbox"/> Per Unit--Total ___ Units/Program Proposed fee to be applied: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input type="checkbox"/> Winter
Existing (\$9,622 res. / \$10,583 non-res.) (Proposed Prog. Fee portion)	(\$9,271 res. / \$10,559 non-res.) (Current Prog. Fee portion) (Yr. Approved)	

Rationale for Request (~100 words)

The College of Medicine requests an increase of 3.5% in total base tuition plus program fee for 2015-2016. The proposed tuition and fee levels are benchmarked to the median to the AOR approved peers for medical school tuition and fees. The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson and the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix are proposing to establish tuition at regular graduate tuition rate and create a program fee equal to the differential between the historical Colleges of Medicine tuition rate and the graduate tuition rate.

The total request for tuition plus program fee is \$30,284 for Arizona resident medical students and \$50,528 for non-resident medical students. This breaks down for residents to \$5,520 graduate base tuition and \$9,622 program fee per semester and for non-residents to \$14,681 graduate base tuition and \$10,583 program fee. The proposed tuition and program fee levels do not include university-wide mandatory fees, which are separately assessed, and are currently approved by ABOR to be \$1,019 per year for both residents and non-residents.

Medical education is a resource intensive program and as such the tuition is higher. To create a more equitable environment and assure recovery of the additional costs of the program, this proposed approach would equalize the value of the qualified tuition remission (QTR) between a graduate degree and a medical degree, but allow for recovery of the additional costs through the program fee. Currently, the QTR applies to the full medical school differential tuition. Under the proposed model, QTR beneficiaries would continue to receive reduced base tuition but would be responsible for program fees.

Compliance with Board Guidelines (~250 words)

This proposal is consistent with ABOR policy 4-101, whereby in setting College of Medicine tuition and fees, the Board will consider tuition and fees charged by peers at other colleges of medicine. Also, ABOR policy requires Board approval for tuition changes and new program fees.

Student Consultation (~100 words)

As part of increasing the overall tuition and fees, we are meeting with students and discussing the implications of the overall increase.

MARKET PRICING (~200)

For 2015-2016, the University of Arizona tuition for resident students in the M.D. program would benchmark at 98% of the mean and 97% of the median for resident tuition and fees of the ABOR-approved peers. Non-resident tuition rates would benchmark at 101% of mean and 104% of the median when both tuition and fees are considered. By looking at both mean and median rates, a more comprehensive comparison can be made. Additionally, this benchmarking does not include potential increases by ABOR for graduate student base tuition and by the ABOR-approved peers for their 2015-2016 academic year.

ACCOUNTABILITY**Financial Aid Set-Aside Amount: 14%****Proposed Annual Revenue**

Program Fee for Residents	\$	19,244
Number of Resident Students	#	381
Total Annual Revenue from Residents		\$7,331,964
Program Fee for Non-Residents	\$	21,166
Number of Non-Resident Students		381
Total Annual Revenue from Non-Residents		8,064,246
Total Annual Revenue	=	15,396,210

Proposed Annual Expenditures

Financial Aid Set Aside (14%)	\$	\$2,155,043
Administrative Charge (10%)	\$	\$1,539,621
Institutional and Advising Personnel	\$	\$7,572,870
Support Staff Expense	\$	\$2,472,037
Operating Expenses	\$	\$ 1,656,639
Total Program Costs	=	\$15,396,210