

PROGRAM FEE REQUEST

University: **University of Arizona**

College: **Pharmacy**

Program: **Doctor of Pharmacy**

Check One: Graduate Undergraduate Check one: Upper Division Lower Division Both

Proposed Effective Date for New Fee: Fall 2017

New Fee (Proposed Fee)

Existing Fee \$6,725/sem fall 2017 \$6,350 ..2015
\$7,100/sem fall 2018 (Current Fee) (Yr Current Fee Approved)
(Proposed Fee)

Proposed fee to be applied as:

Per Term

Per Unit, Total of ___ Units per Program

Proposed fee to be applied:

Fall Spring Summer Winter

Date Submitted: 12/2/16; revised 2/15/17

Rationale for Request (~100 words)

The PharmD program is expanding the elective offerings in this professional program to give our students education in business practices and legal issues important for most of our graduates. This will be accomplished by hiring faculty from the Eller College of Management and from the College of Law to teach these courses to our students. In addition, the program will increase the travel budget for PharmD students to give more students opportunities to attend and present at national professional meetings. In addition, more support will be provided by tutors and counselors to PharmD students who need additional support to be successful in this professional program. Furthermore, we will upgrade distance learning technology to support instruction and student discussion across the population of PharmD students located in Tucson and Phoenix.

Compliance with Board Guidelines (~250 words)

The fee will enhance the quality of the educational experience and increase the professional skills of our students. The graduates will be better prepared for the workforce and career directions they select. Our common program offered in two locations will be better connected through the enhanced distance learning technology. Additional faculty and classroom support will ensure that PharmD students in Phoenix and Tucson have the same educational experience. The fee increase will enhance small group teaching sessions and in class active learning across the campuses and enhance counseling activities to increase retention for struggling students.

The cost of instruction and the clinical experiences in this professional degree are substantially higher than normal graduate programs. The cost of the UA program is substantially less than our peers. In addition, the 14% financial aid set-aside will be used to support students who need assistance.

Student Consultation (~100 words)

Dean Schnellmann and Associate Dean Murphy met with the Student Council November 29, 2016 to discuss the need for a \$1,500 increase in the program fee over two years. The proposal discussed was for \$1,000 beginning Fall 2017 and another \$500 beginning Fall 2018. Students requested that we change the request to \$750 each year, which was accepted by the dean. Students asked for a general breakdown of how the increases would benefit the college and the student body and were given the information provided in the rationale of this request. In addition, a Town Hall was held January 16, 2017 for all students. Approximately 30 attended in Tucson with another 10 by videoconference from Phoenix. The requests were generally similar to those raised by the Student Council.

MARKET PRICING (~200)

Careers in pharmacy remain among the highest rated for best jobs and best healthcare jobs. The demand remains slightly higher than supply, despite the dramatic increase in number of colleges/schools. Salaries on graduation exceed \$100,000 and the median salary of pharmacists is ~ \$121,500. Our students are accepted into residency programs at a higher percentage than most colleges across the country and are highly sought by employers.

Tuition at our peer institutions:

College/School	2016-2017 Tuition, Mandatory Fees & Program Fees for <u>all but UA</u>	2017-2018 Projected 2% Increase	UA PharmD Program Fee WITH Proposed \$750 Increase	New Tuition and Fees - Resident
U California – SD	\$37,463	\$38,212		\$38,212
U California – SF	\$33,347	\$34,014		\$34,014
U Washington	\$30,007	\$30,607		\$30,607
U Colorado	\$28,645	\$29,218		\$29,218
U Minnesota	\$27,695	\$28,249		\$28,249
U Arizona	\$12,383	\$12,631	\$13,450	\$26,081
U Texas at Austin	\$16,304	\$16,630		\$16,630

ACCOUNTABILITY

Financial Aid Set-Aside Amount: 14%

Proposed Annual Revenue

		2017	2018
Annual Program Fee Amount	\$	13,450	14,200
Number of Students Enrolled Annually	#	428	450
Total Annual Revenue	=	5,756,600	6,390,000

Proposed Annual Expenditures

Financial Aid Set Aside (14%)	\$	805,924	894,600
Institutional and Advising Personnel (NEW in 2017-2018)	\$	100,000	0
Support Staff Expense	\$	3,751,639	4,288,946
Operating Expenses	\$	350,000	375,000
Administrative Costs (15.13 % for FY 2018)	\$	749,037	831,454
Total Annual Program Costs	=	5,756,600	6,390,000

***Note:** “Consistent with all tuition and fees, a portion of the program fees and/or differential tuition will be allocated for administrative costs in accordance with the procedures described by the university’s responsibility center budget model.” The Administrative Cost will be 15.13% for FY 2018.