

PROGRAM FEE REQUEST

University: University of Arizona **College/School:** College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Department: School of Animal & Comparative Biomedical Sciences (ACBS)

Program: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program

X Graduate Professional Undergraduate Undergraduate Upper Division Lower Division Both

New \$8,000 Fall and Spring:
 \$8,043(Res), \$17,204(Non-Res) Summer **May 2017**
 (Proposed) (Effective Date)

Proposed fee to be applied as:
X Per Term or Per Unit, Total of _Units per Program

Existing \$..... \$.....
 (Proposed) (Current) (Year Approved)

Proposed fee to be applied:
X Fall **X** Spring **X** Summer Winter

Date Submitted: 2/7/16

Rationale for Request (~100 words)

The College of Agriculture & Life Sciences (CALS) is developing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program (DVMP) that will enable students to earn a professional degree (DVM). This program is built upon two guiding financial principles: 1) we will not compete with Arizona private industry (primarily veterinary practitioners), rather partner with and enhance it; and 2) we have modeled no new ongoing state financial support. Years 2-4 will be completed by a cohort of 100 students per year chosen from those who have completed Year 1, which for qualified students also results in the Master's in Animal and Biomedical Industries (MABI). Because veterinary training includes medicine and surgery, the cost is significantly more than that of an average degree program and similar to the Doctor of Medicine. Costs include a variety of laboratory setups and supplies, highly trained faculty and student support staff, surgical and specially designed facilities, animals and specialized equipment.

Compliance with Board Guidelines (~250 words)

This program fee request is made under the ABOR policy 4-104 that allows additional fees to be charged to students in programs that have increased costs of delivery.

1. The quality of the student's educational experience in this program is critical, in that it must provide adequate clinical training and clinical caseloads. This program fee will allow CALS to provide for appropriate student support, instruction, animal care, supplies and maintain equipment.
2. Providing adequate caseloads and clinical training allows students to develop skills necessary for entering the workforce; this will also make our DVM graduates highly competitive for selection for postgraduate degrees, internships and residencies.
3. We will set aside at least 14% of our revenues for need-based student assistance. Donated and endowed funds will supplement the tuition-based scholarships. The tuition-based scholarships will be distributed based on need criteria determined by student FAFSA application and in concert with the faculty scholarship committee and program guidelines.
4. Every effort has been taken to keep the program cost as competitive as possible, and it is significantly lower than the total program cost of alternatives for Arizona students who currently must either attend private programs (e.g. Midwestern University, Glendale) or pay non-resident tuition out of state. **These Arizona students pay on average \$200,002 over four years at peer institutions compared to the UA DVM four-year price of \$139,800.** Additionally, the UA DVM graduates receive three additional terms of study, totaling 11 (including the MABI), compared to 8 terms for all other US programs.
5. Years 2-4 consist of 3 terms per year (16 weeks each) for a total of 9 terms (3 terms x 3 years) compared to 6 terms over the same time period at all other peer institutions. Therefore, a true price comparison is the UA cost for Years 2-4 vs. the 4-year cost at peer programs; our resident sticker price for Years 2-4 is \$124,740. The 4-year program means a second degree (MABI) for qualified students making them highly sought after by the biosciences, biomedical, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical industries.

Student Consultation (~100 words)

CALS has made every appropriate attempt to obtain student and stakeholder input. Student support for a quality public DVM program is very strong. A guiding principle has been to create quality with an innovative education model that is competitive for Arizona residents on cost. The program (and proposed fees) have been introduced to students in a variety of ways including informational lectures, faculty presentations at student organization meetings (ex: Pre-vet club of approximately 100 members), through our college newsletter, via local news media. In addition, we have held information panels with stakeholders where student leaders sat on the panel. There are currently no public alternatives for a DVM program in Arizona. UA summer tuition pricing is resident only, resulting in a requested program fee that is higher for non-resident students (\$17,204) than the fall/spring semesters (\$8,000). Projected enrollment is 50% resident and 50% non-resident.

MARKET PRICING (~200)

The table below lists annual fees associated with a number of Veterinary Medical Schools who offer the DVM program (Academic Year 2015/2016).

School	In-state tuition & mandatory fees	Fall+ Spring additional fees	Summer In-state tuition & mandatory fees	Summer additional fees	Total In-state	Out of State tuition & mandatory fees	Fall+ Spring additional fees	Summer Out of State tuition & mandatory fees	Summer additional Fees	Total Out of State
Midwestern University/Glendale	\$52,400	\$1,200			\$53,600	\$52,400	\$1,200			\$53,600
Western University/Pomona	\$49,596	\$80			\$49,676	\$49,596	\$80			\$49,676
UC Davis	\$34,240				\$34,240	\$46,484				\$46,484
University of Arizona (Yrs 2-4)	\$12,048	\$16,000	\$5,489	\$8,043	\$41,580	\$30,370	\$16,000	\$5,489	\$17,204	\$69,063
Colorado State	\$27,474	\$2,505			\$29,979	\$53,335	\$3,505			\$56,840
Washington State	\$22,352	\$3,762			\$26,114	\$53,406	\$3,762			\$57,168
Oregon State	\$21,320	\$0			\$21,320	\$41,200	\$0			\$41,200

ACCOUNTABILITY

Financial Aid Set-Aside Amount: 14%

Proposed Annual Revenue (3 sessions annually)

Program Fee	\$	\$28,623*
Number of Students	#	100
Total Revenue	=	\$2,862,300

Proposed Annual Expenditures

Financial Aid Set Aside (14%)	\$	\$400,700
Administrative Charge (10%)	\$	286,200
Academic and Advising Personnel	\$	1,200,000
Support Staff Expense	\$	400,000
Operating Expenses	\$	575,400
Total Program Costs	=	\$2,862,300

* The projected program fee revenue accounts for a 50% split between residents and non-residents and the program fee difference in the summer for these two populations of students.