

PROGRAM FEE REQUEST

University: **University of Arizona** College/School: **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**
Department: **School of Animal & Comparative Biomedical Sciences**
Program: **Master's Degree in Animal and Biomedical Industries**

X Graduate Professional Undergraduate Undergraduate Upper Division Lower Division Both

New **\$ 1,500**..... **FALL 2016**
(Proposed) (Effective Date)
Existing **\$**..... **\$**.....
(Proposed) (Current) (Year Approved)

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

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

Date Submitted: 8/24/15

Rationale for Request (~100 words)

The College of Agriculture & Life Sciences (CALs) is developing a Master's Degree (MS) in Animal and Biomedical Industries that will enable students to earn a graduate degree, in an innovative, expedient and cost effective manner. The one-year MS program will consist of a cohort of students enrolled in a common curriculum of basic, foundational coursework to prepare them for application and entry into the new Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program. The non-thesis MS coursework will focus on the 3 pillars upon which the entire MS is centered: One Health, Commerce and Human-Animal Interdependence. None of the existing coursework currently taught in ACBS can be utilized and funding is needed to create and teach these new courses. Since the MS must be self-sustaining financially, this program fee is necessary for the required funding.

Compliance with Board Guidelines (~250 words)

This program fee request is being 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. It must provide adequate clinical training and clinical caseloads. The MS degree will consist of didactic lectures, instructors will be setting baselines for case studies and applied learning modules, which will become critical for those students who get accepted into the DVM program.
 2. We will set aside at least 14% of our revenues for need-based student assistance. Scholarships will be distributed based on need criteria determined by student FAFSA application and in concert with the faculty scholarship committee.
 3. Every effort has been taken to keep this fee as low as possible, and even when added to the graduate tuition, the total cost of the DVMP is less than most other, more traditional Veterinary Medical education programs.
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Student Consultation (~100 words)

CALS has made every appropriate attempt to obtain student and stakeholder input into the pricing of the new MS and DVM programs. Students with undergraduate degrees must complete the MS degree requirements for application and acceptance into the new DVM program. Student support for a public veterinary medical program in AZ is very strong. A guiding principle has been to maintain high quality with an innovative education model that minimizes the cost to the student. The program (and proposed program 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 television and in local magazine articles. In addition, we have held information panels with stakeholders where student

leaders sat on the panel. Our proposed fees are modest compared to out-of-state and private programs. The proposed total cost of the program is also competitively priced compared to most other in-state pricing.

MARKET PRICING (~200)

The table below lists fees associated with a number of Veterinary Medical Schools who offer the DVM program.

School	In-state Annual Tuition & Mandatory Fees	Additional Fees	Total	Out of State Annual Tuition & Mandatory Fees	Additional Fees	Total
Midwestern University/Phoenix	\$54,758	\$600	\$55,358	\$54,758	\$600	\$55,358
Western University/Pomona	\$50,736	\$80	\$50,816	\$50,736	\$80	\$50,816
UC Davis	\$26,814	\$4,432	\$31,246	\$39,060	\$4,432	\$43,492
Colorado State	\$27,474	\$2,506	\$29,980	\$53,336	\$3,508	\$56,844
Oregon State	\$23,956	\$1,048	\$25,004	\$45,188	\$1,048	\$46,236
Washington State	\$22,374	\$1,960	\$24,334	\$53,444	\$1,960	\$55,404
University of Arizona	\$12,048	\$3,000	\$15,048	\$30,370	\$3,000	\$33,370

ACCOUNTABILITY

Financial Aid Set-Aside Amount: 14%

Proposed Annual Revenue

Annual Program Fee Amount	\$	\$3,000
Number of Students Enrolled Annually	#	500
Total Annual Revenue	=	\$1,500,000

Proposed Annual Expenditures

Financial Aid Set Aside (14%)	\$	\$210,000
Institutional and Advising Personnel	\$	1,000,000
Support Staff Expense	\$	40,000
Operating Expenses	\$	250,000
Total Program Costs	=	\$1,500,000