Dartmouth
GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

General Tuition and Financial Aid Policy

Summary of Purpose

This policy sets the expectation that all student loan borrowers will be provided the opportunity to participate in financial aid advising during their time at Geisel, as well as when they become alumni/ae.

Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to all Geisel medical students.

Definitions

None.

Policy Statement

The available institutional resources require that each financial aid recipient assumes at least some portion of offered aid will include loan funds. The Financial Aid Office provides counseling to all students offered institutional need-based aid, as well as federal and institutional loans. Since the Medical School makes decisions on financial aid in the spring, and where possible, shortly after a decision is reached on admission, it is important to apply promptly for assistance.

Students and their families have the primary responsibility for financing a medical education. Although students may wish to declare independence from their parents, Geisel School of Medicine, as with most U.S. medical schools, requires parental income statements from all applicants, regardless of age, marital status or family status, for institutional need-based loans and scholarships. Financial aid is awarded, within the limit of the school's resources, to those students who, without such aid, would be unable to enroll. Federal regulations governing Title IV and Title VII programs require U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status; thus, Geisel makes every effort to fully fund international students, but available loan funds, in combination with limited need-based loans, may make some reliance on outside resources necessary.

Procedure

None.

LCME Standard

Standard 12.1 – Financial Aid/Debt Management Counseling/Student Educational Debt

A medical school provides its medical students with effective financial aid and debt management counseling and has mechanisms in place to minimize the impact of direct educational expenses (i.e., tuition, fees, books, supplies) on medical student indebtedness.

Related Information: Documents, Policies, Links, Etc.

- UME-OSA-FA-0001Tuition Refund Policy.
- Academic Regulations.

Policy Administration

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History

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Background

None.