

## STUDENT TRAVEL SUPPORT AND FUNDING OPTIONS

The University of Arizona College of Medicine—Phoenix recognizes that educational benefit and professional value for conference travel. While we would like to encourage and support students in these endeavors more, required coursework, limited funds and state fiduciary responsibilities requires that the College limit travel to specific purpose and a maximum level of funding. There are three possible sources for student travel funding:

- **Scholarly Projects**—funds for travel related to student SP and Non-SP research presentations/posters or SP and Non-SP research related travel.
- **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion**—funds for travel related to social determinants of health, health disparities and identity related medical organizations.
- **Medical Student Government**—travel related to AAMC Organization of Student Representatives or other required organizational travel

The **Scholarly Projects** unit currently has limited funding to send students to present their SP and non-SP research when they are presenting a poster or oral presentation at a conference. We limit our funding to \$1000 per student to cover air fare, per diem, conference registration, etc. Last year, we provided over \$26,000 for student travel. Money from the Scholarly Project unit allows for student to only request and be approved for two travel awards per academic year. The Designated Staff member who oversees this fund is Sarai Alvarado, MSC; Senior Coordinator, Scholarly Project; [salvarado@arizona.edu](mailto:salvarado@arizona.edu),

Projects. Be sure to note **Students may only receive a maximum of one SP and one Non-SP conference during medical school.**

To request funding, use the online form: <https://forms.gle/aESiG5DYJ2vpEt139>

The **Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion** has limited funding available for students who wish to attend conferences that focus on social determinants of health, health disparities, health equity, or cultural competencies in health care as well as students who are members of an **active** COM-P Chapter of Medicine and Society student organization to attend the chapter's national conference. Examples include:

- American Medical Women's Association
- Asian Pacific American Medical Student association
- Student National Medical Association
- Catholic Medical Association
- Latino Medical Student Association
- LGBTQ+ in Medicine
- Medical Students for Choice
- Military Medicine & Veteran's Association
- Muslim Medical Students Association
- White Coats for Black Lives

Students who receive EDI funding must choose **one** of the requirements for funding: 1) informal Panopto presentation about the conference and material learned 2) assist COM-P at its exhibition booth of an affinity conference for 1 hour or 3) if presenting, provide OEDI with a copy of poster and/or summary of presentation. **Students are required to have a minimum of diversity hours according to their student year.** MS1s can receive funding for 1 conference while accumulate the minimum. If student fails to meet the minimum 3, they will be ineligible for any MS2 funding.

MS1	MS2	MS3	MS4
Minimum 3 diversity hours	Minimum 6 diversity hours	Minimum 9 diversity hours	Minimum 12 diversity hours

The Designated Staff member who oversees this fund is the director of equity, diversity, and inclusion, Sonji Perry, [sonjim@arizona.edu](mailto:sonjim@arizona.edu)

Go to this [link](#) to request conference only funding

The **Medical Student Government** has limited funding to support travel for those students who are official representatives of COM-P to conferences at which the medical college must be represented to maintain membership. Some of these include but are not limited to the Association of American Medical Colleges Organization of Student Representatives as well as many of the organizations listed with Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion above. Funding from MSG is generally limited to \$850 but may vary from semester to semester.

Students may not request funding from multiple sources for the same conference/trip. Students who are awarded travel money must work with the designated staff member both before and after the trip to assure that all necessary paperwork is completed, receipts turned in, and then to complete any requirements associated with the conference or the travel award.

To request funding, directly email the MSG Treasurer at [finance@uacomps.org](mailto:finance@uacomps.org). Current treasurer is Courtney Deaver.