

PROGRAM FEE REQUEST

University: University of Arizona

College/School: Public Health

Department: Public Health

Program: MD-MPH Phoenix Campus

Circle one:

Graduate

Undergraduate

**Upper Division
 Lower Division**

New \$ 4,500
 (Proposed)

August 2013
 (Effective Date)

Existing \$ None
 (Current)

\$
 (Proposed) (Year Approved)

Rationale for Request (~100 words)

The medical students on the Phoenix campus currently pay no additional tuition to the College of Public Health while completing 45 credits for the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree during their four years of medical school. These students take 5 core courses and several electives and an internship from the College. In addition to the instructional support for the courses, the College of Public Health provides faculty chairs or members to their internship programs and the Office of Student Services provides centralized advising for these students. In essence these students are currently getting a free MPH program from the College of Public Health. These funds will also allow us to sustain the current program and provide the medical students greater access to the community engagement activities that are part of the the College of Public Health’s faculty research and service in the Phoenix Metropolitan area.

Compliance with Board Guidelines (~250 words)

This program fee is being implemented to provide value to the program and enable its on-line courses to be of better quality. Students will be able to receive additional advising from the MEZCOPH staff placed on the Phoenix campus. The program is still very affordable compared with the tuition from other peer schools of public health. The MPH program will allow medical students a better opportunity to gain knowledge and be more employable in leadership roles as they will have more knowledge regarding how to practice population based medicine as the Affordable Care Act is enacted.

Student Consultation (~100 words)

Current MD-MPH students were provided a questionnaire regarding their thoughts on a program fee for the MPH program. We received 11 responses. The majority thought (64%) agreed with the justification for the program fee and 55% believed that it would not be a deterrent for those who are interested in obtaining an MPH during medical school. The students had mixed thoughts about how to use the funds, some requested more online courses, while others wanted more options for in-person classes. Overall, the students stated that having no fees or additional tuition was an attraction for the program but they believed that having more options would be a good use of the funds.

MARKET PRICING

Currently the University of Arizona has one of the lowest tuition rates including a differential tuition compared with peer institutions that offer a Master of Public Health Degree. The comparative costs are listed in the following table and are based on completing the equivalent of 45 units over 4 semesters.

Institution	Resident Degree Cost (equivalent 4 full time semesters)
UA	24056
Florida	24750
Ohio State	25552
Wisconsin	25667
North Carolina	26660
Iowa	26670
Texas A&M	27428
Minnesota	29140
Maryland	29274
UCLA	29618

ACCOUNTABILITY

Financial Aid Set Aside Amount:17.0%

Proposed Annual Revenue

Program Fee	\$	2,250
Number of Students	#	5
Total Revenue	=	11,250

Proposed Annual Expenditures

Financial Aid Set Aside	\$	1,913
Central Administrative Charge	\$	1,125
Institutional and Advising Personnel	\$	0
Support Staff	\$	4,250
Operating Expenses	\$	3,963
Total Program Costs	=	11,250