

PROGRAM FEE REQUEST

University The University of Arizona

College/School Social and Behavioral Sciences

Department School of Geography and Development

Program Masters in Development Practice

Graduate	Undergraduate	Upper Division
		Lower Division

	\$750.00/fall & spring semesters \$500.00/summer semester (Proposed)	Fall 2012 (Effective Date)	
New			
Existing	\$ _____ (Current)	\$ _____ (Proposed)	_____ (Year Approved)

Rationale for Request (~100 words)

We propose the implementation of a program fee for the new Masters of Development Practice (MDP), offered through the UA Outreach College and priced with standard tuition rates. This degree meets important educational needs of working professionals seeking to improve their career standing through advanced training in development. The program provides both the technical and organizational skills and the practical experience needed to enhance the effectiveness of the professional practitioner in global context of international development.

Compliance with Board Guidelines (~250 words)

This degree meets important educational needs of working professionals seeking to improve their career standing through advanced training in development. This program fee request is being made under the ABOR policy 4-104 that allows additional amounts to be charged to students in programs that have demonstrably higher costs of delivery. Fees will expand the student experience by providing (a) access to state-of-the-art technology and support facilities downtown in the Roy Place Building; (b) a rich array of professional development opportunities and activities to students; and (c) additional academic, administrative, and operational costs incurred by a student-focused, full-time, cohort program. Each student will have access to a high-end computer, analytical software, and color printing; necessary amenities in the dedicated program space, including 24-hour secure access during each semester; and miscellaneous supplies. Professional development activities will include support of field components for courses throughout the Tucson metro and surrounding areas; networking events with development professionals in the Tucson area; and support associated with student internships in international settings, including room and board and host expenses. Academic and administrative support includes a part-time program coordinator dedicated to the MDP cohort; a part-time professional placement/networking counselor; and part-time SBS Tech personnel to support instruction downtown. Financial aid will also be provided on a need basis with a 17% set-aside directed to offsetting tuition costs, with scholarships distributed based on merit and need criteria determined by the Director in consultation with the program's Faculty Advisory Group.

Student Consultation (~100 words)

Students in this program have not yet been enrolled and have therefore not been consulted. Annual reviews of student satisfaction will directly query students about concerns regarding access, tuition and fees, and solicit ideas for student support. The program's targeted student base includes international students from underdeveloped contexts as well as US students from across the socio-economic spectrum. Financial aid will be provided on a need basis with a 17% set-aside directed to offsetting tuition costs, with scholarships distributed based on merit and need criteria determined by the Director in consultation with the program's Faculty Advisory Group.

MARKET PRICING

The MDP program at the University of Arizona would serve as one of the most affordable options for potential students relative to comparable programs at other Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) institutions. The chart below compares the annual costs with all fees included for a full time graduate student in MDP with programs at UC- Davis, UC- Berkeley, and University of Denver. In addition to greater costs, these other programs are over-enrolled and qualified applicants exceed available seats several times over, thus we expect to be able to draw an adequate number of students to the MDP program.

Institution	In state tuition+fees	Out of state tuition+fees
University of Arizona	\$12,575	\$27,537
University of California, Davis	\$15,000	\$24,504
University of California, Berkeley	\$15,102	\$36,546
University of Denver (private)	\$35,604	\$35,604

ACCOUNTABILITY

Financial Aid Set Aside Amount: 17%

Proposed Annual Revenue

Program Fee	\$	\$750 x 4 semesters \$500 x 1 semester (\$3,500 per degree)
Number of Students	#	36
Total Revenue	=	\$126,000

Proposed Annual Expenditures

Financial Aid Set Aside (17%)	\$	\$21,420
Institutional and Advising Personnel (0.25 FTE)	\$	\$19,470
Support Staff (0.70 FTE)	\$	\$38,800
Operating Expenses	\$	\$46,310
Total Program Costs	=	\$126,000