



SCHOOL of  
OSTEOPATHIC  
MEDICINE

**Policy Title:** Financial Aid and Debt Management Counseling  
**Functional Area:** ADMINISTRATIVE

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**Status:** FINAL  
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**Approved by:** UIWSOM Leadership Council  
**Policy Contact:** Director of Enrollment Services  
**Responsible Office:** Office of Admission  
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**Purpose:** Medical students continue to graduate with growing debt as the nation continues to experience a physician shortage, particularly in primary care specialties. Recognizing the burden of financing a private medical school education, the UIWSOM Office of Admissions and External Affairs offers financial aid and loan management outreach programming.

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### Policy Statement

- 1) Description  
UIWSOM is committed to providing financial aid and debt management education and assistance to prospective and current students. A multi-year plan is in place to communicate pertinent information at strategic times. Documentation of attendance in both formal and informal sessions is recorded.
- 2) Primary goal(s)
  - a) Establish good budgeting habits
  - b) Understand overall indebtedness
  - c) Understand loans and repayment
- 3) Participants
  - a) UIWSOM admissions personnel
  - b) UIW financial aid office personnel
  - c) UIWSOM prospective students
  - d) UIWSOM current students
- 4) Resources
  - a) Admissions and financial aid personnel
  - b) Physical space
  - c) Minimal supplies
  - d) Audio-visual equipment
  - e) Publications and handouts
  - f) Excel spreadsheet for attendance tracking
  - g) Community subject matter experts (e.g. HPSP representatives, scholarship and loan repayment providers, SALT representatives)