The University of Arizona College of Medicine
Educational Program Leading to the MD Degree

Requirements for
Faculty Sponsors of International Visiting Medical Students

Students from non-LCME accredited medical schools may participate in non-credit educational activities only if a University of Arizona College of Medicine faculty member agrees to serve as the visiting student’s educational sponsor. The student’s educational activities will be limited to observation only and the faculty sponsor shall be the sole supervisor of those activities. Such activities shall be limited to clinical experiences at University Medical Center (Tucson, Arizona) or the sponsoring faculty member’s University Physicians, Inc. Outpatient Clinic. The scope of those observational experiences shall be at the discretion of the sponsoring faculty member in consultation with the administration of the clinical site.

Faculty members who agree to serve as sponsors must adhere to the following requirements.

1. All requests for such sponsorship and all arrangements related to that sponsorship shall be between the sponsoring faculty member and the applicant and shall not be arranged through the College of Medicine Administration.

2. Potential sponsoring faculty shall obtain from each applicant prior to their arrival in Tucson, signed releases (Acknowledgement of Status, Release of Liability for Claims and for Injury/Illness Sustained During Sponsorship), copies of which are attached to this policy.

3. Sponsoring faculty must ascertain, prior to the appearance of the student at clinical sites:

   a. Proof of professional liability coverage of amounts no less than $1,000,000/claim and $3,000,000/aggregate. Documentation of same may be provided by copy of the policy or a letter of proof from the home school. In the alternative, the student must sign a release of the University for any claim arising out of his/her activities;

   b. Proof of immunizations against measles and rubells (since 1980), a recent TB test (within 6 months of proposed start date), and documentation of Hepatitis B vaccination or a signed declination form;

   c. Proof of personal health insurance coverage, documented by an insurance identification card. In the alternative, the student must sign an acknowledgement that no medical care will be provided for injuries sustained on or off the clinical site or any illness arising during their tenure at UA; and,

   d. Proof of training in human blood and bodily fluid precautions as set out in the most current OSHA regulations.
4. Upon the satisfactory retrieval of the information set out above, and prior to the placement of a student in a clinical setting, the sponsoring faculty member shall provide all such documentation to the Office of Academic Affairs.

5. The agreement between the sponsoring faculty member and the visiting medical student is not binding on any other faculty member, resident, student, the University of Arizona, the College of Medicine, the Arizona Board of Regents or the State of Arizona.

6. The sponsoring faculty member bears sole responsibility for any claims arising out of the student’s activities and/or the faculty members failure to comply with these requirements and must sign a release for same prior to initiating activity with the student(s).