

ATTACHMENT A: ESFCOM AY25-26 Tuition Increase

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Justification.

The Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine (ESFCOM) is proposing a 3.3% tuition increase for Resident medical students are spread across multiple campus locations, including Spokane, Tri-Cities, Vancouver, and Everett. The proposed revenue increase serves several purposes:

- Offsetting inflationary cost increases
- Improving student access to academic and career advising
- Supporting the costs of community-based education and the volunteer physicians who serve as clinical preceptors.
- Enhancing faculty recruitment and retention for roles such as small group facilitators, research mentors, and career track advisors
- Funding the standardized patient program, which is essential for teaching clinical skills through practice, observation, and feedback.

The college's original financial proforma included an annual 3% tuition increases. The proposed tuition adjustment is intended to provide sustainable financial support for both ESFCOM and its students. Despite implementing cost-saving measures, maintaining programs and meeting accreditation requirements will be challenging without this increase.

Supporting data indicate that the total cost of attendance at ESFCOM remains below the national average for comparable community-based medical schools, as reported by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) in their 4-Year Average Total Costs of Attendance.

Table 1: Tuition Increase AY25-26

Resident	
Current Rate (Annual)	42,118
Proposed Rate (Annual)	43,508
\$ Increase	1,390
% Increase	3.3%

Describe the timeline and process you will use to communicate the proposed increase to students and gather student feedback.

Communication was sent to students in December, and in the coming months, we will inform them about the proposed increase while providing an opportunity to share their feedback with the University. We are in the process of organizing various channels to gather student input, including Q&A sessions to address the financial challenges or factors driving this decision. These sessions will cover topics such as inflation, rising operational costs, facility improvements, and other relevant considerations, aiming to give students a clear understanding

of the rationale behind the proposal. Additionally, an official email will be sent to all students to ensure consistent and direct communication.

Table 2: 2025 Total Cost of Attendance, All Classes: Source: AAMC Tuition and Fees Survey

Community Based Medical Schools, Average: \$77,197

Community Based Medical Schools	4-year Average Total Costs of Attendance
California Northstate	\$115,137
TCU-Burnett	\$109,144
Geisinger Commonwealth	\$105,959
Morehouse	\$103,778
Zucker Hofstra Northwell	\$102,486
Ponce	\$94,357
Northeast Ohio	\$92,806
FIU-Wertheim	\$84,900
Wright State-Boonshoft	\$82,704
Mercer	\$79,148
Hawaii-Burns	\$77,881
Nevada Reno	\$75,874
South Carolina Columbia	\$75,695
Washington State-Floyd	\$73,989
Caribe	\$73,726
Central Michigan	\$73,358
East Tennessee-Quillen	\$73,336
CUNY	\$73,649
Florida State	\$66,795
San Juan Bautista	\$70,591
Eastern Virginia ODU	\$70,048
Texas Tech-Foster	\$68,547
Michigan State	\$79,367
Florida Atlantic-Schmidt	\$67,942
Southern Illinois	\$74,530
South Dakota-Sanford	\$65,646
North Dakota	\$61,165
UTAustin-Dell	\$61,391
UTRio Grande Valley	\$56,029
UCF	\$59,580
Houston-Fertitta	\$60,659
Marshall-Edwards	\$62,324
Texas Tech	\$54,951

Historical and Anticipated Future Increases in ESFCOM Operating Fees

To further support students, we are offering comprehensive financial counseling services. Our projections indicate that the total cost of attendance over four years will remain below the national average, which aligns with data from the AAMC. Furthermore, we are equipping students with a comprehensive external scholarship database to broaden their financial opportunities. Additional efforts to mitigate student debt involve multifaceted approaches. Firstly, we are initiating scholarship funds for every graduating class, alongside ongoing annual fundraising efforts. Moreover, we are strategically channeling some of these funds towards establishing long-term endowments. Additionally, we've successfully acquired significant scholarships for students committed to serving in rural or underserved areas of Washington state. These collective efforts aim to alleviate the burden of student debt and promote financial stability for our students.

Table 3: Historical and Anticipated Future Increases in COM Operating Fees

Annual Tuition Increase % Fiscal year	Operating Fee							
	3.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.50%	3.30%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
	278 Students	298 Students	318 Students	320 Students	320 Students	320 Students	320 Students	320 Students
WSU Operating Fee	38,334	38,334	38,334	39,676	40,985	42,215	43,481	44,786
4% Fin. Aid	36,800	36,800	36,801	38,089	39,346	40,526	41,742	42,994
Gross Tuition	10,230,447	10,966,451	11,702,701	12,188,474	12,590,693	12,968,414	13,357,467	13,758,191
89% Distribution to ESFCOM	9,105,098	9,760,141	10,415,404	10,847,742	11,205,717	11,541,889	11,888,145	12,244,790
Additional Net Tuition to ESFCOM		655,043	655,263	432,338	357,975	336,172	346,257	356,644