

Section 6: Financial Aid

General Policy Statement

While the Medical School tries to assist students with documented financial need, the primary responsibility for paying for one's medical education must rest with each student and their family. When the amount that a student and their family can contribute is determined to be insufficient to meet all of the costs of attending medical school, financial aid is available from several sources. Actual aid offers depend on federal funding levels as well as on institutional resources. The University Corporation determines the tuition rate and other fees annually for the Medical School. Although graduate students are considered independent for most types of federal aid, the Medical School does not recognize the status of the independent student in the awarding of institutional funds, regardless of the student's age, marital status, or number of years which the student has been self-supporting. This policy ensures that institutional funds are allocated to students who have demonstrated limited family resources to help students with educational costs.

In accordance with federal laws and applicable regulations, Brown University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, age, handicap, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin in the awarding of financial assistance.

Eligibility for Financial Aid

Criteria

To be eligible for financial aid in the Medical School, a student must be enrolled at least half-time in a degree-granting program and must be making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree as defined in [Section 10](#) of this Student Handbook. ***Students who attend on a less than half-time basis are not eligible for federal or institutional financial aid.*** If students drop courses throughout the semester resulting in less than half-time enrollment, their aid for the semester could be reduced or canceled depending on the time of course withdrawal.

At the Medical School, enrollment and tuition charges are assessed each semester. The Medical School definitions for full-time, half-time and less than half-time enrollment are described in [Section 5](#). Please note the Medical School is a full-time program and full tuition is assessed each semester unless on approved time away or special permission of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. In general, enrollment for less than 12 weeks is usually considered to be less than half-time.

Students are generally only eligible for aid during periods of enrollment for which they are being charged tuition unless they are repeating an entire semester for academic reasons. In this case, aid can be offered for other living expenses. The Medical School scholarships and loans are generally *not* available for expenses related to enrollment in courses taken by away clerkships, even though transfer of academic credit may be authorized. Students who attend the Medical School for less than a full academic year will have aid prorated to reflect their actual enrollment. Students are not eligible for the Medical School scholarships and loans during periods of enrollment in the Academic Scholar Program (ASP); however, they may be considered for federal loan funding upon request.