

University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria

## Student Travel Resources

As an adjunct to their medical education, students may choose to travel to participate in domestic or international away rotations, to attend conferences, or make presentations at scientific meetings. Permission to be away from academic requirements for conferences or meetings is not given automatically. Students should seek excused absences, according to policy, from the appropriate course director or preceptor BEFORE committing to travel.

While the cost of such participation is generally the student's responsibility, resources exist to help defray expenses. Resources available to UICOM-P students include:

**Budget Advisory Committee (BAC):** The UICOMP BAC accepts applications for travel funding year-round for student participation in activities that enrich the student's professional development. Grants may range from \$100 to \$1000, depending upon costs, available funds, and whether the student is making a presentation. University travel rules are strict, so students should apply well in advance to allow ample time for planning. Payment is generally by reimbursement of expenses through the student's UIC Account. Travel to away rotations, or to interview for residency positions, is *not* eligible for BAC funding. To learn more and to request an application form, contact the UICOM-P Office of Student Affairs, 309-671-8411.

**Health Professions Student Council:** The UIC HPSC offers monetary grants to UIC health professions students who actively participate at conferences or meetings of nationally or internationally recognized societies or who engage in contributory work including assisting in underserved areas or participating in away rotations. Grants are offered quarterly for up to \$300 and are paid on a reimbursement basis. Application forms are available online at <http://sites.google.com/site/uichpsc/home>

**Robert A. Flinn, MD, Educational Enhancement Award:** the Peoria Medical Alumni Council accepts applications for funding to support student attendance at educational programs or conferences and certain "away" rotations. The criteria and application form are available at the Alumni Council's website: [http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/departments\\_programs/advancement\\_community\\_relations/alumni/peoria\\_medical\\_alumni\\_council/](http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/departments_programs/advancement_community_relations/alumni/peoria_medical_alumni_council/). For more information, call 309-680-8613.

**Social Events Committee Scholarship:** The Social Events Committee has established a scholarship to provide support for M4 students in the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria for away rotation/study programs to medically underserved areas of the United States or abroad. One or more scholarships of up to \$1000 each *may* be given annually, depending upon the availability of funds. Scholarships are transferred to the student's university account AFTER the completion of travel. Applications are made available in late summer/early fall, with a typical due date of October 1. For more information, contact Student Affairs at 309-671-8411.

**Bertram Richardson Scholarship:** The Richardson Scholarship is college-wide resource to help students defray costs of travel for international for-credit rotations or 4 or more weeks' duration. Scholarships are typically \$600 to \$800 and are transferred to the student's university account AFTER the completion of travel. Applications are distributed each fall from the UICOM main offices in Chicago. The deadline is usually between November 1 and January 15.

**Budget Increases for Residency Applications:** Financial Aid recipients can apply for budget (loan) increases of up to \$3000 during their M4 year to help cover the costs of interviewing for residency positions. Forms are online at <http://www.medicine.uic.edu/finaid/forms>