Financial Aid at Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine
ICOM’s OFA Mission

- We support the ICOM Mission
- We are student focused and want to help you understand the FA process and the commitments you are making when you borrow
- We promote continuous learning, responsiveness and communication, with you as an individual in mind
- We are here to empower you in understanding your options related to financial aid and (eventually) repayment
- We are committed to the outcomes of our students and ICOM
- We encourage you to stop by or reach out and ask questions when you have them
Office of Financial Aid

- We will present a session each semester with a financial aid, financial literacy, or financial wellness focus.
  - You help determine the topics that are most needed.
  - We may start to separate these out for different focuses for different classes (OMS1 - OMS4).
- We are here at any time to assist with the questions you have.
## 2019-20 Estimated Cost of Attendance

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<tr>
<td><strong>ICOM Tuition</strong></td>
<td>$51,240</td>
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<td><strong>ICOM Fees</strong></td>
<td>$2,500</td>
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<td><strong>Room and Board</strong></td>
<td>$15,820</td>
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<td><strong>Transportation</strong></td>
<td>$2,670</td>
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<td><strong>Books &amp; Supplies</strong></td>
<td>$1,000</td>
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<td><strong>Personal Expenses</strong></td>
<td>$2,170</td>
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<td><strong>Insurance</strong></td>
<td>$3,515</td>
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<td><strong>Estimated Total Cost of Attendance</strong></td>
<td>$78,915</td>
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What isn’t in the cost of attendance?

- Costs waived or paid by other sources
- Costs related to applying to medical school
- Moving or relocation expenses
- Expenses incurred while not attending
- Expenses incurred by a spouse or a dependent
- Not meant to be a replacement of income to help cover all prior debt (consumer and other debt) or new debt (Vehicle purchase)
ICOM Scholarships

At this time, ICOM is still awaiting additional funding from the state and other sources to continue developing scholarship opportunities for Idaho students.

- The State of Idaho awarded ICOM a tax-reimbursement incentive. These funds will be put in an endowment over many years to create scholarships for Idaho students.

- ICOM has an employee giving campaign!

- ICOM awarded fifteen scholarships to Idaho students for the 2019-2020 academic year.
Outside Scholarships

- Devote time to searching for scholarships!
- Health Resources and Service Administration
- American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
- American Osteopathic Foundation
- American Medical Woman’s Association
- National Medical Fellowships, Inc.
- Student Osteopathic Medical Association
- Look for State specific organizations
Scholarship & Service Contracts vs. Loan Repayment & Service Contracts

- Offered by various state agencies, organizations, hospitals, etc.
- Require commitment to practice in designated underserved location for a specific number of years
  - Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program
  - National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program
  - Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program
  - Military Health Professions Loan Repayment Program
  - National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program
  - National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program
Update of Federal Aid

- As of 8/20/2020 we can apply to participate in federal aid programs.

- The US Department of Education does not guarantee a timeline to their review of our application or a date by which we can offer federal aid.

- We cautiously anticipate having federal aid eligibility by Fall 2021.
Update of Federal Aid

- ICOM is not eligible to participate in federally sponsored student loan programs for the first two years of instruction per U.S. Department of Education regulations.

- Prior student loans are not eligible for in-school deferment (requires a federal school code). Some private loans may still qualify.

- Not having federal loans means ICOM will not issue 1098-T’s and students are not eligible to claim certain tax credits.
Loans

- ICOM has secured acceptance from independent financial lending partners for students to apply through.

- Students will initiate the loan application process with the lender of their choice.

- ICOM has a student loan information portal where you can review, compare, and apply for private (non-federal) student loans.

- Students have to meet the lender’s eligibility requirements.
# Loan Comparison

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<th>Unsubsidized Federal Student Loan</th>
<th>Graduate PLUS Loan</th>
<th>Private Loan</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Interest Rate</strong></td>
<td>6.08%</td>
<td>7.08%</td>
<td>Fixed or Variable</td>
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<td><strong>Origination Fee</strong></td>
<td>1.062%</td>
<td>4.248%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td><strong>Grace Period</strong></td>
<td>6 months</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>36 months</td>
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### How does the frequency of interest capitalization impact a student loan?

- Example assumes $180,000 in Medical Student Loans for 4 consecutive years

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<td>Total amount requested</td>
<td>$188,017.04</td>
<td>$180,000.00</td>
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<td>Origination fees</td>
<td>$ 8,017.04</td>
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<td>Disbursed amount</td>
<td>$180,000.00</td>
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<td>Interest capitalization after 6 months grace</td>
<td>$ 33,999.75</td>
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<td>New principal amount after 6 months grace</td>
<td>$222,016.79</td>
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<td>Interest capitalization after 30 months of medical internship/residency forbearance</td>
<td>$ 38,852.94</td>
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<td>New principal amount when repayment begins</td>
<td>$260,869.73</td>
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<td>Interest capitalization after 36 months of Grace</td>
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<td>$ 64,552.36</td>
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The table above is provided for informational purposes only and the Private Loans Example does not represent an actual Sallie Mae Loan. This table assumes a 7.00% interest rate on each loan and the origination fees and in-school, grace, and forbearance periods outlined on page 4. This table illustrates the potential difference in the total principal amount when repayment begins due to unpaid interest being capitalized (added to the principal amount) twice for the Federal Loans Example (once after a 45-month in-school period and 6-month grace period and once after a 30-month medical internship/residency forbearance) and being capitalized once for the Private Loans Example (after the 45-month in-school period and 36-month grace period). See studentaid.ed.gov for more information regarding interest capitalization of federal student loans.

With the Private Loans Example, a medical borrower could potentially **save up to $18,345.92** ($260,868.28 minus $244,522.36) compared to the Federal Loans Example when repayment begins.

1 The Federal Loans Example assumes a total amount requested of $188,016.00 in graduate loans over a 4 year period ($47,004 per year). This amount is higher than the Private Loans Example to account for the additional funds requested to pay for the 4.364% origination fee charged on one Federal Loan each year over a 4-year period. The Federal Loan is based on the graduate Direct PLUS Loan.
Private Loans

- Make sure to apply for Graduate Student Medical Loan

- Rate depends on creditworthiness, debt to income, lender, & loan (advertised rates between 3.620 - 10.18%* and can be comparable to federal loan rates)

- Can’t exceed ICOM’s Cost of Attendance

- Consider a co-signer (if needed), but investigate the co-signer release policy.

- Don’t leave this until the last minute, secure your loan at least 2 months prior to the start of school.
Think Ahead and Be a Smart Borrower

Search for other sources of funding besides loans

Know how much you owe

Understand your repayment options

Understand your expenses and determine where you can reduce or eliminate costs

Actively manage your finances and credit
Applying for aid

1. Set a realistic budget

2. Apply for a loan

3. Pay attention to deadlines

4. Respond promptly for requests of information and keep copies of all documents

5. Start a financial aid file or spreadsheet (to track loans)
Financial Aid Process

Student is accepted to ICOM

Student applies for a private student loan

ICOM is notified of approved loan application

ICOM reviews student eligibility and completes the certification form

ICOM sets the disbursement dates for the loan and submits all information to the lender

Private student loan funds are sent from the lender to ICOM on the disbursement dates

Loan funds pay for the charges on the student account and if there is a credit it is issued to the student as a refund
Questions?
THANK YOU!

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