

**The University of Illinois College of Medicine
Committee on Student Awards and Scholarships
Annual Report 2021 - 2022**

The College of Medicine Committee on Student Awards and Scholarships (CCSAS) is charged with the task of providing the primary leadership in determining the type, selection criteria, and amounts of scholarship awards to incoming College of Medicine matriculants. The awards have been made possible by endowed funds from alumni and friends of the College of Medicine to allow for the selection of well-qualified recipients. There are criteria for each type of scholarship award. All of the criteria are in accordance with the College of Medicine mission. The scholarships are critical to the recruitment and retention of excellent candidates for admission into the College of Medicine.

Historically, the CCSAS focused on pairing candidates to COM Core scholarships which had become outdated. However, in the past 2 years, our focus shifted to updating/redefining the COM Core scholarship process. The first step of the transition was to update the COM Core scholarship profiles. These five types of scholarships were created:

- Research Scholarship
- Social Engagement Scholarship
- College of Medicine Scholarship
- Sweeney Scholarship
- Dean's Scholarship

The College Committee on Admissions (COA) now determines the recipients for each of the scholarship awards, allowing for a more efficient and timely award process. The chair of the CCSAS, an ex officio member of the COA, provides guidance in scholarship determination.

Working closely with leadership from the Dean's Office, the Office of Advancement, the Office of Financial Aid, and the Office of Medical College Admissions, the CCSAS has started to set the groundwork on the next phase of our transition – to provide Policy, Advice and QI to the COM to make sure that the scholarship goals are actual met as intended. The COM has recently invested in data management personnel to assist us in the review and updating of our processes. Our committee is looking forward to utilizing these new resources in the coming year to conduct our review of the most recent years of scholarship results, strategies, and resources to ensure that our practices are congruent with the mission of the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

Respectfully submitted,

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