

LEARNER NEWS

Week of September 14

We recognize students' disappointment in the recent announcement of fee increases for the AFMC Student Portal. We appreciate that the cost of medical education is a significant stress for medical students. Below you will find further information about the AFMC Student Portal:

AFMC Student Portal Fees

The AFMC Student Portal was created at the request of Canadian medical students to simplify the visiting elective application process.

The AFMC Portal Registration fee collected from students at Canadian and international faculties are currently the sole source of revenue that support the hosting, maintenance, management of the portal and the AFMC staff that dedicate their time to manage the portal and help desk. The AFMC will publish the Student Portal financial information in the 2019-20 Annual Report, which will be released this fall once the audited statements have been approved by the AFMC Board of Directors.

THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH VISITING ELECTIVES INCLUDE:

AFMC PORTAL REGISTRATION FEE

WHAT IS IT?

Provides students with the capacity to build one online profile and access opportunities for visiting electives offered by medical schools.

WHAT DOES IT COVER?

Hosting, maintenance, management of the portal and the AFMC staff that dedicate their time to manage the portal and help desk.

WHO SETS \$ AMOUNT

AFMC Board of Directors

WHO GETS \$

AFMC

MEDICAL SCHOOL REGISTRATION FEE

WHAT IS IT?

The cost of processing applications at the faculty of medicine

WHAT DOES IT COVER?

Funds the visiting elective programs

WHO SETS \$ AMOUNT

Each faculty independently

WHO GETS \$

Medical schools

New AFMC Student Portal Enhancements

This year, AFMC has introduced a number of enhancements including:

- New Visiting Elective Guide which includes instant search of all electives, typo resistant and auto fill search as well as filters for eligibility, starting date, specialty, sub-specialty, duration, host school and language.
- New Home Page for easy access to information
- Standardization of Institution Profile. All Schools profile follow the same design and information is up to date.
- Standardization of Home School Verification form



Visit <https://afmcstudentportal.ca/> to experience the new features.

Engagement with medical student leaders

The AFMC is committed to openness and transparency. We will continue to engage with the CFMS and FMEQ leadership to better facilitate the visiting electives process for medical students.