# Join the AAMC's Organization of Student Representatives





## What is the Organization of Student Representatives (OSR)?

OSR is the student branch of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the nation's largest association dedicated solely to the advancement of academic medicine. OSR provides medical students with a voice in academic medicine and medical education at the national level and fosters student involvement at the local level.



#### Who are OSR representatives?

OSR reps may include up to one primary and three alternate institutional representatives from each of the 141 U.S. LCME-accredited medical schools. Students enrolled in Canadian medical schools may participate as nonvoting associate representatives. OSR reps may serve on the Administrative Board or become regional delegates, and OSR appoints students as liaisons to various national AAMC committees.



## What are the benefits of being an OSR representative?

- Develop professional leadership skills
- Participate in the conversation on national issues in medical education
- Collaborate with academic leaders to improve medical student life and education
- Play an active role in improving the nation's health through the advancement of academic medicine
- Get access to a wealth of resources on medical education



## How do I become an OSR representative?

OSR reps are selected by their medical schools and must be certified by the student affairs dean. If you are interested in becoming an OSR rep, contact your student affairs office, complete the OSR certification form, and email it to the OSR office.

OSR affords a powerful conduit for communication. The student participates in the conversation—with leaders such as deans, program directors, and even hospital CEOs—while building a rare understanding of the external factors at play at the highest levels of medical education.

—David Bracken, MD, OSR Representative and Administrative Board Member

## Become an Active Member of the AAMC's Organization of Student Representatives

## Fitting in to OSR

#### **OSR Administrative Board**

- Communicate OSR priorities to AAMC staff and Board of Directors
- Plan OSR Annual Meeting programming
- Review proposals and projects

### OSR Representatives

- Attend AAMC meetings and share opinions, experiences, and resources with peers and school leadership
- Nominate faculty physicians for Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award
- Participate in OSR online questionnaires
- Elect OSR reps for leadership positions

#### OSR Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

- Foster student involvement and awareness of issues in academic medicine
- Expose OSR reps to broader concepts, issues, and tools in critical areas of medical student interest
- Strengthen communication and flow of ideas between OSR reps and leadership, inspiring the Administrative Board to pursue timely, relevant, and high-impact projects and initiatives

#### What are some of OSR's national priorities?

- Student debt and the cost of medical education
- Institutional mental health services and resources
- Diversity recruitment efforts
- GLBTI recommendations and effective practices
- U.S. residency match process and data
- Humanism in medicine
- Physician workforce increase
- Academic medical centers and industry conflicts of interest
- Communication with other medical student groups
- Continued strength of the academic environment under health care reform and managed care

#### How do I get more involved in OSR?

- Attend Learn Serve Lead: The AAMC Annual Meeting, regional meetings, and national spring and summer meetings
- Run for the OSR Administrative Board or a regional position
- Serve as a committee liaison
- Attend AAMC webinars and participate in OSR initiatives
- Submit resources to the Student Hub on iCollaborative
- Nominate faculty physician for <u>Humanism</u> in Medicine Award
- Join an OSR special interest group
- Submit project proposal to an OSR regional delegate

Administrative Board

**OSR Liaisons** 

• Serve as primary link between OSR

professional development groups,

AAMC committees to students and

and AAMC committees, AAMC

and external organizations

• Disseminate information from

Share medical students' concerns

with AAMC committees and OSR

school leadership