



Survey Results | Medical Student Interest Group Funding Structures

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The structures that medical student councils employ to fund student interest groups (SIGs) fall into five categories:

- Medical Student Council does not fund SIGs.
- Each SIG receives a flat, predetermined amount of money per year.
- Each SIG is funded based on the number of members they enroll.
- SIGs are funded based on the number and attendance of events they host.
- Each SIG receives a flat allowance plus an additional provision that is determined on an event-by-event basis.

Trends:

The number of SIGs at each medical school varies from 15 to more than 50. Schools with large numbers of SIGs (>40) tend to fund the groups on an event-by-event basis.

Of the schools that use an event-by-event funding structure, all of them set an upper limit for either the amount of money that can be allocated per event or the amount of money a SIG can receive in total per year.

At schools where the medical student council does not fund SIGs, the SIGs seek funding from a variety of sources, such as:

- o Each group must seek independent funding (fundraisers, medical departments, etc.)
- o Student Affairs allocates money to SIGs
- o The Dean's Fund allocates money to SIGs

There is a wide variety in the amount of money that schools allocate to SIGs, regardless of the funding structure they employ.

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