

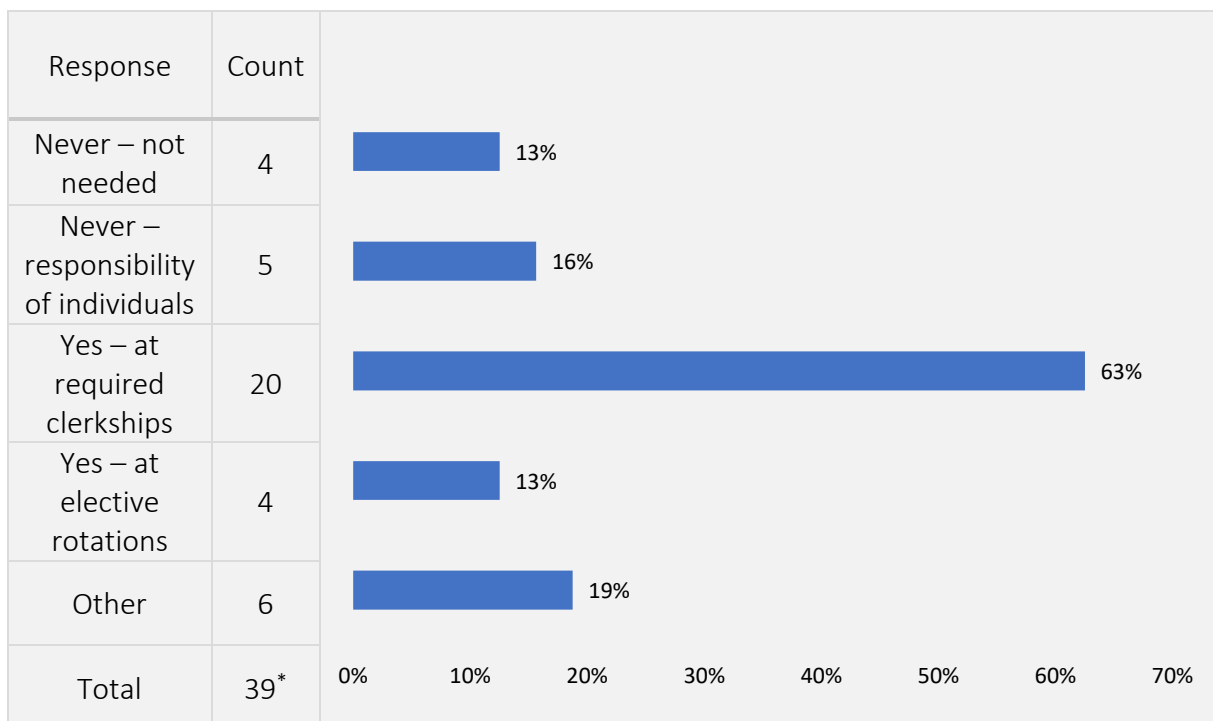
## GBAnalytic #10 – Student Housing and Transportation Costs

The tenth GBAnalytic survey was developed by the AAMC Group on Business Affairs (GBA) Data and Benchmarking Committee and distributed to Principal Business Officers of US medical schools to ensure there was only one response per medical school. This group is working to better understand student housing and transportation costs.

As the availability of clinical rotation sites is increasingly constrained, many medical schools are sending students to distant locations for portions of their M3 and M4 years. This can create the requirement for students to have housing away from their primary domicile. In addition, clinical rotations can require other additional costs, such as the cost to park in urban locations where many of our hospitals are located.

The survey opened on February 26, 2020 and closed on March 20, 2020. In total, 32 schools responded to the survey. Below is a general summary of the results:

1. Does your medical school provide and pay for housing for medical students when they are doing off-site clinical rotations? (choose all that apply)

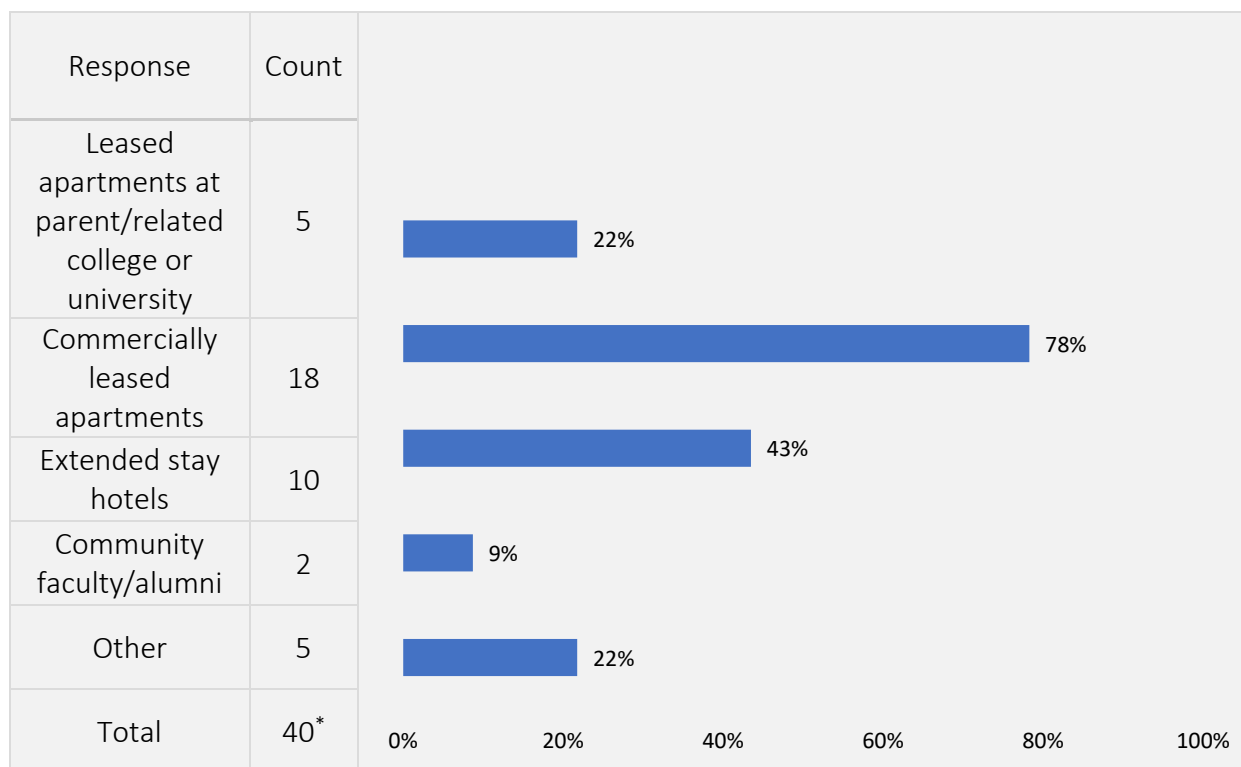


\*Of the 32 survey respondents, 72% (n=23) of schools selected either “Yes” or “Other”, with six schools selecting more than one option. Of this group, four of the six schools provide and pay for housing at clerkships and rotations.

The three schools that indicated only “Other” provided the following unique responses:

- “[Students who opt to spend entire required clerkship at a regional campus secure housing at own cost.] Other students rotate and housing is provided by site. In rare cases, the school covers cost”
- “For select required rotations (military sites and some rural sites)”
- “Stipends available to students doing international away electives to support both travel and housing costs”

2. If you pay for housing for medical students, what type of housing is provided? (choose all that apply)

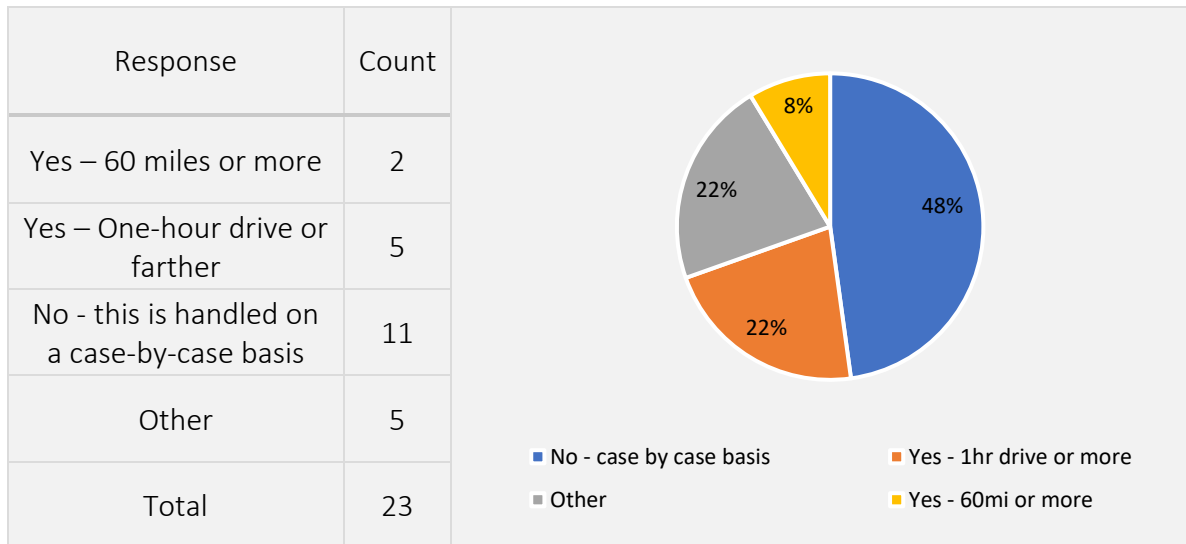


\*Of the 23 schools who answered this question, 11 selected more than one option.

The five schools that marked “Other” provided the following thematic responses:

- Hospital, dormitory-style housing
- Airbnb, VRBO, family

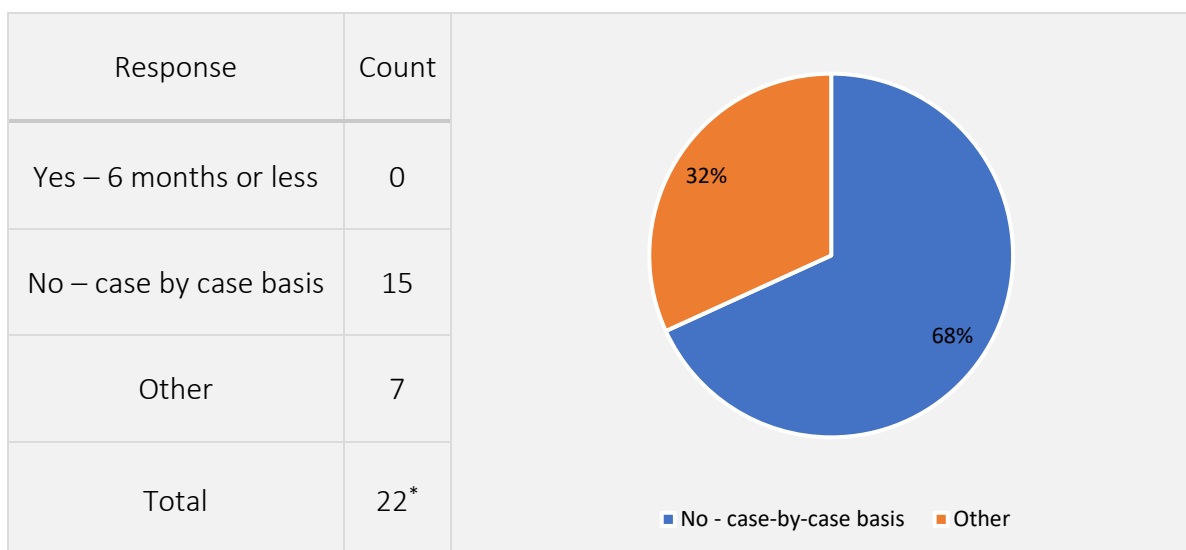
3. If you pay for housing for medical students, is there a minimum distance from the primary medical school location to qualify/be eligible?



The five schools that selected “Other” provided the following thematic responses:

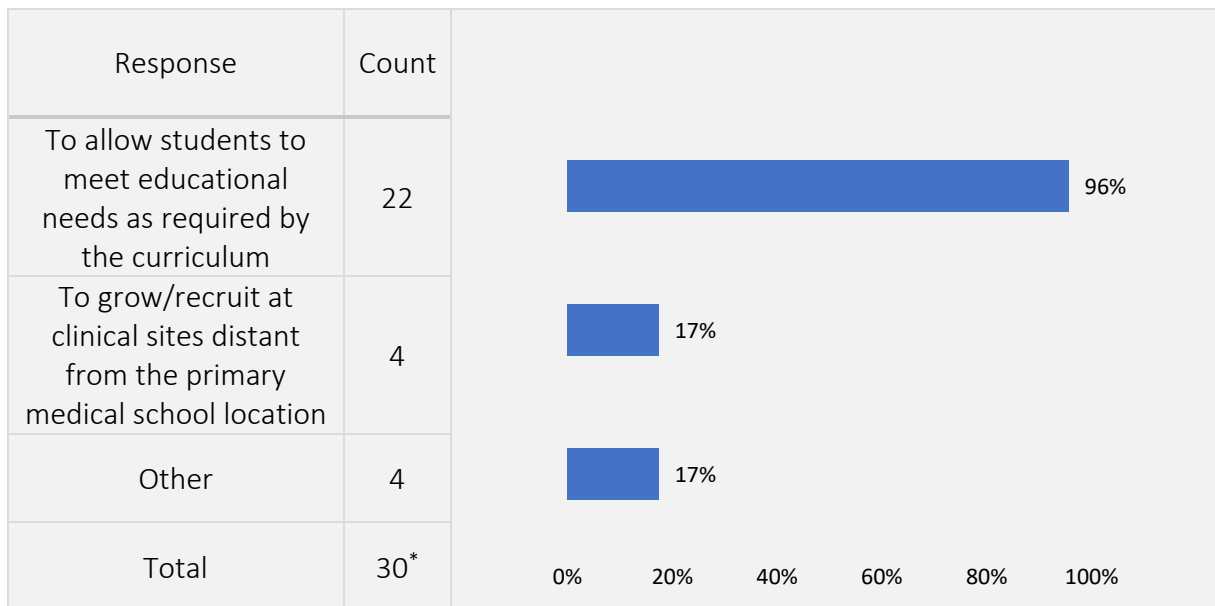
- 40 – 100mi range
- Zip code dependent

4. If you pay for housing for medical students, is there a maximum amount of time that you will cover their housing costs?



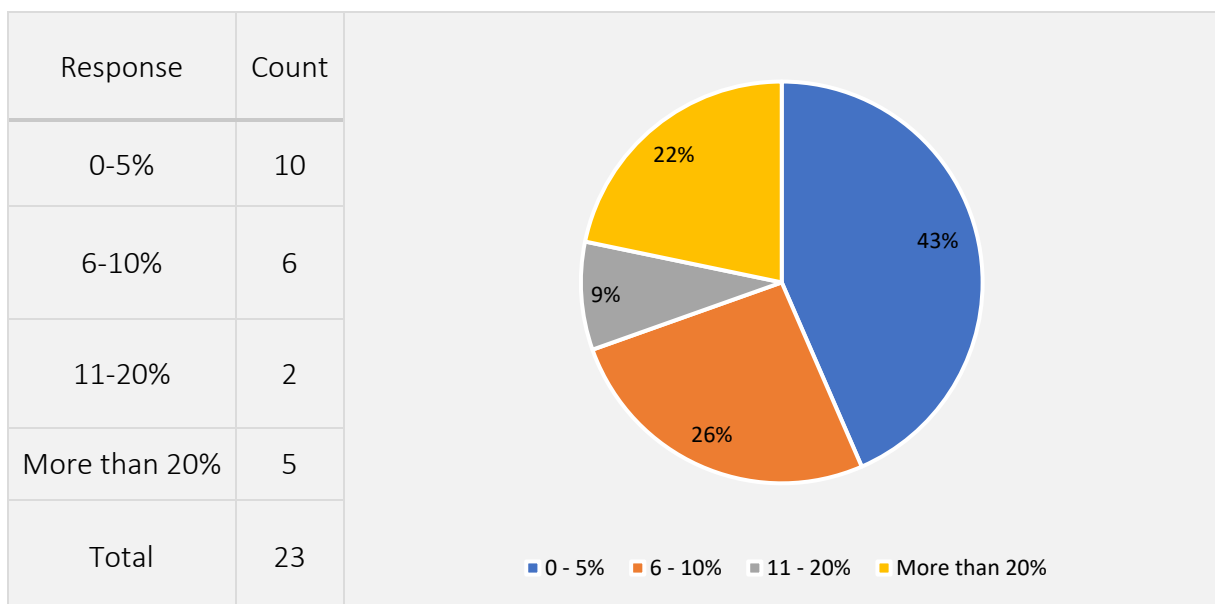
\*One school left this question blank.

5. If you pay for housing for medical students, what is the primary reason? (choose all that apply)

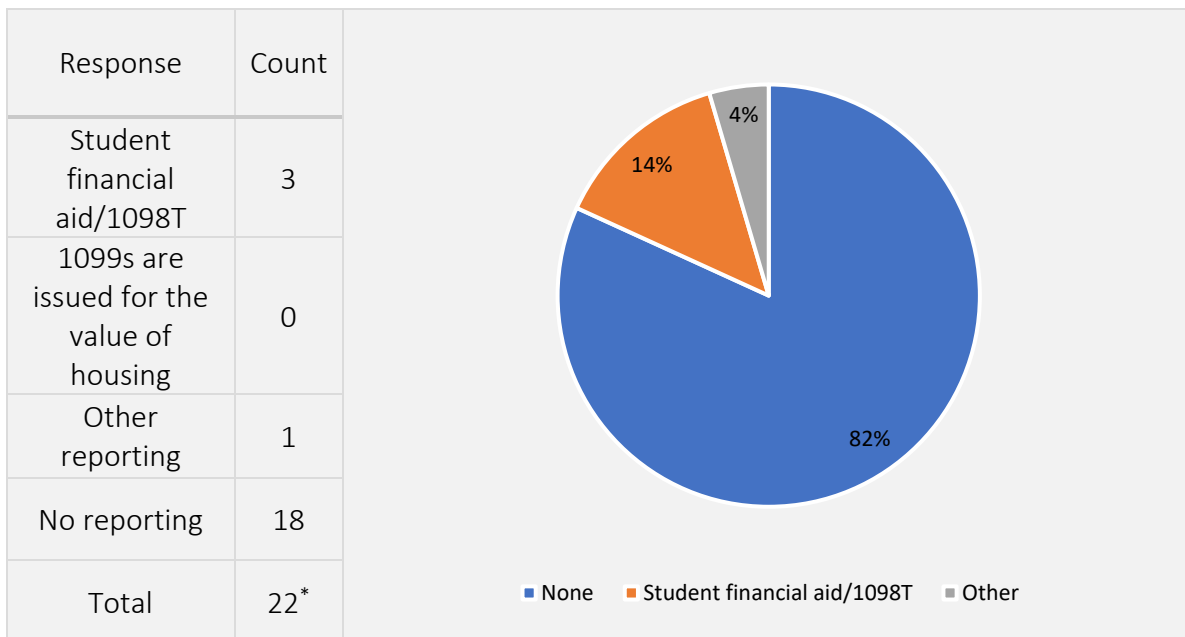


\*Six schools selected more than one option.

6. If you pay for housing for medical students, what percentage of your M3 and M4 students does this impact in a typical academic year?



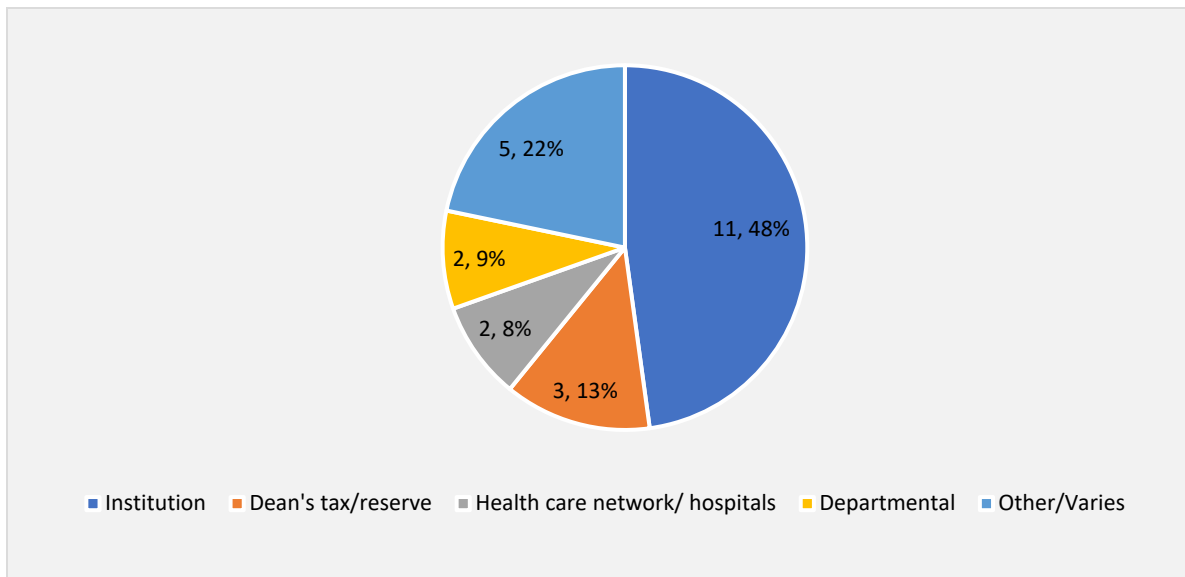
7. If you pay for housing, what reporting is done?



\*One school left this question blank. There were no further details provided for the "Other" selection.

8. If you pay for housing, what is the funding source(s)?

Twenty-three schools provided the following thematic responses to this open-ended question:

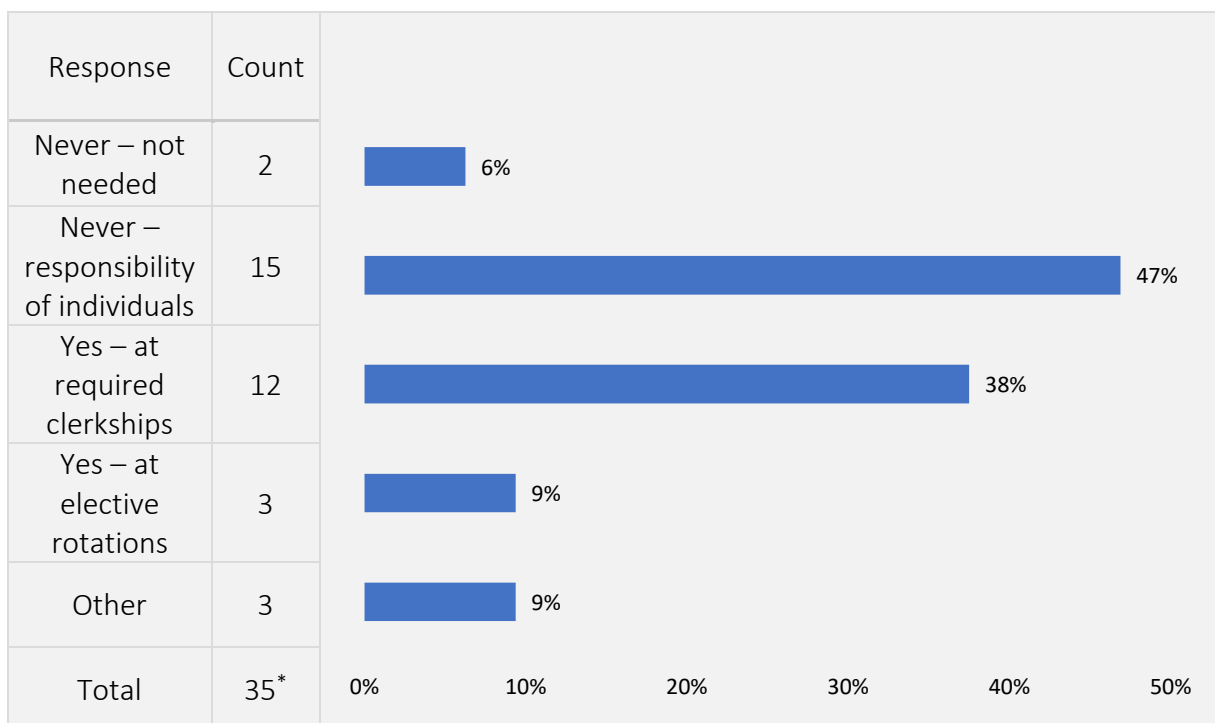


## 9. What is your typical class size?

Twenty-nine schools provided information for this question:

Average	156
Min	32
Max	364

## 10. Does your medical school cover the cost of parking and/or transportation for medical students? (choose all that apply)



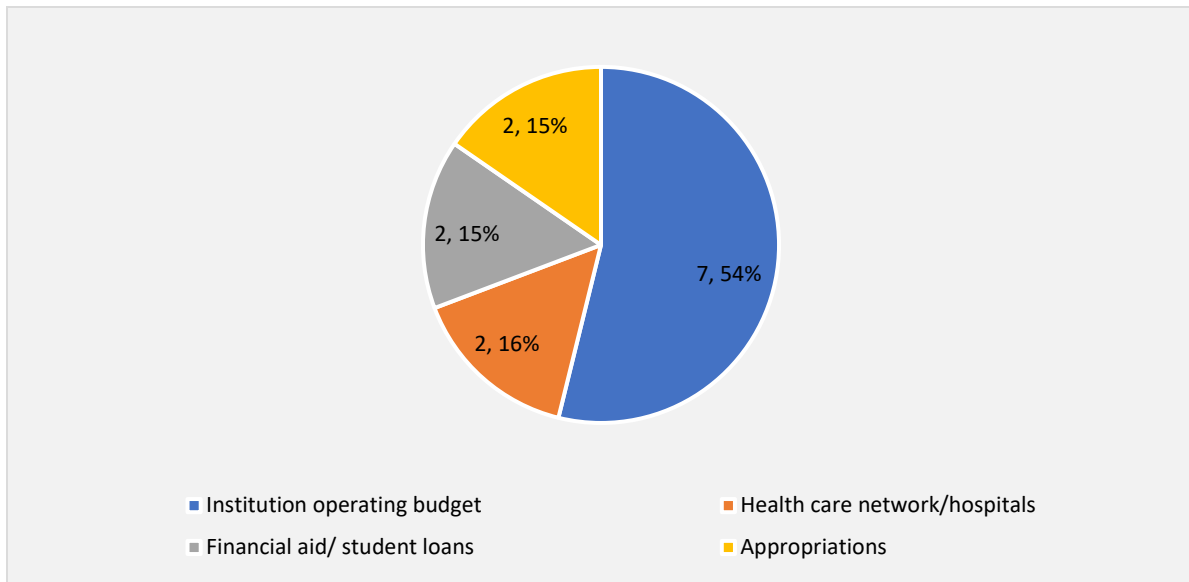
\*Of the 32 survey respondents, three schools selected more than one option.

The three schools that marked “Other” provided the following unique responses:

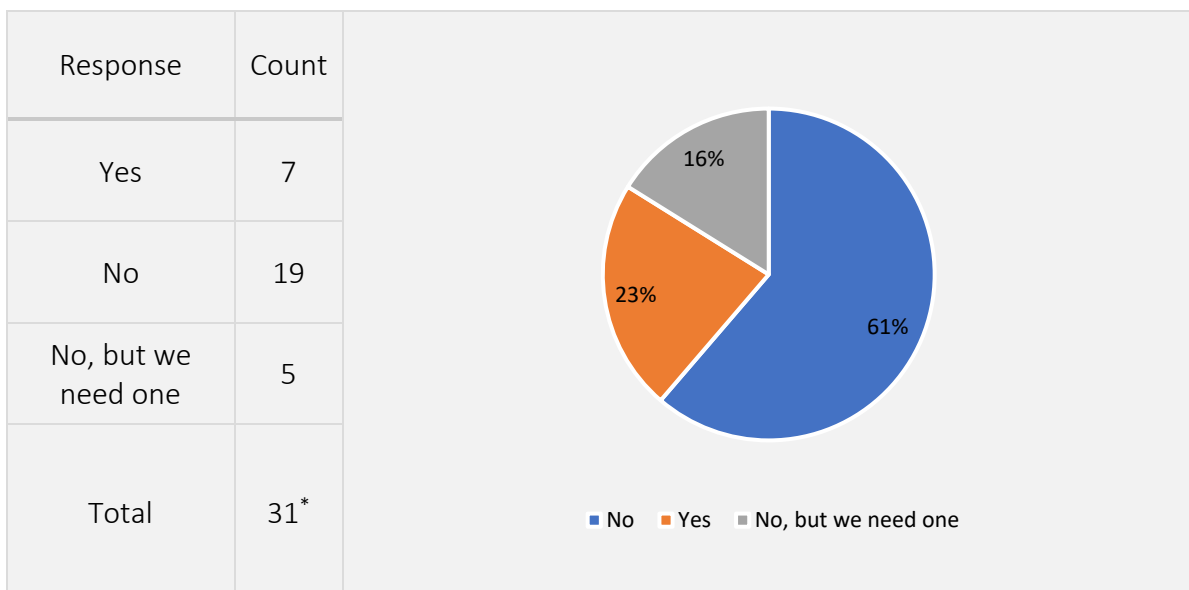
- “hospitals and clinics don’t charge for parking”
- “We reimburse transportation/parking costs to students who have to travel to main campus for annual clinical skills assessment”
- “In the past we have utilized [center] funding to stipend students that complete a urban underserved rotations during their Family Medicine Clerkship”

11. If you pay for transportation, what is the funding source(s)?

Thirteen schools provided the following thematic responses to this open-ended question:



12. Does your medical school have a written policy on whether and when the medical school will pay for housing and/or parking?



\*One school left this question blank.

12a. Sample policies:

Institution	Policy/ Location
<i>University of Michigan Medical School</i>	We use the University of Michigan policy on student parking. That is available on their website
<i>University of Arizona - Phoenix, College of Medicine</i>	<a href="https://phoenixmed.arizona.edu/policy/clinical-site-placement-and-transportation-policy">https://phoenixmed.arizona.edu/policy/clinical-site-placement-and-transportation-policy</a>
<i>Indiana University School of Medicine</i>	<a href="https://md.mednet.iu.edu/policies-guidelines/student-travel-expenses/">https://md.mednet.iu.edu/policies-guidelines/student-travel-expenses/</a>

<b>NEOMED ACADEMIC POLICY</b>	<b>Policy No:</b>
<b>ACADEMIC POLICY TITLE:</b> College of Medicine Housing Assistance Policy	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> TBD
<b>RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:</b> Office of the Dean and Medical Education, College of Medicine	<b>Approval Authority:</b> Sr. Assoc. Dean of Academic Affairs <b>Responsible Office:</b> Office of the Dean and Medical Education, College of Medicine

**(A) PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Policy is to clarify special situations where the College of Medicine will help students with housing assistance.

**(B) SCOPE**

This policy applies only to College of Medicine students enrolled in M3 clinical clerkships. It does not apply to any pre-matriculation courses, independent study time, step preparation courses, Application of Clinical Medicine course, or M4 electives.

**(C) DEFINITIONS**

(1) **Distant Clinical Site:** An M3 clinical clerkship site that is centered more than 99 miles from Rootstown, OH (e.g., Toledo/Columbus)

(2) **Displaced Student:** A student removed from a M3 clinical clerkship site by the College of Medicine after the start of the M3 year who is assigned to a new site more than 40 miles from their original site.

(3) **Distant Clinical Site Student:** A student assigned to a Distant Clinical Site for the majority of their rotations who must return to the northeastern Ohio area (Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Youngstown) for one or two mandatory M3 clinical clerkships.



- (4) **M3 Lottery:** The process for assigning clerkship sites, which generally begins in January of the M2 year and concludes at the end of March in the M2 year.

**(D) POLICY STATEMENT**

- (1) Eligible students include Displaced and Distant Clinical Site Students.

(2) Displaced Students

- (a) Will be offered housing in the NEOMED Village on the Rootstown campus at no cost to the student. Alternatively, students may choose to receive a stipend/reimbursement for housing expenses at an off-campus location for the exact cost of the housing up to, but not exceeding, the college negotiated rate of staying in the NEOMED Village on the Rootstown Campus.

1. Students who choose to be reimbursed for off-campus housing must submit a student reimbursement form, provide a copy of their rental/lease agreement and documentation of their short-term housing costs, including utility bills; electricity, water, etc., if not included in rent.

- (b) Housing in the NEOMED Village will be made by bed assignment. Students will be provided an individual room and single bed in a shared suite based on availability. Same-gender suites cannot be guaranteed.

(3) Distant Clinical Site Students

- (a) Students assigned to distant clinical sites must apply for housing assistance after the M3 lottery is completed and before the start of the M3 academic year.

- (b) Will be offered housing in the NEOMED Village on the Rootstown campus at a discounted rate.

- (c) Housing in the NEOMED Village will be made by bed assignment. Students will be provided an individual room and single bed in a shared suite based on availability. Beds will be assigned initially via a lottery with subsequent available rooms on a first come first served basis. Same gender suites cannot be guaranteed.

## Participating Institutions

Boston University  
Carle Illinois College of Medicine  
Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell  
Drexel University College of Medicine  
Duke University  
Emory University School of Medicine  
Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine  
Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine  
Indiana University School of Medicine  
Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California  
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University  
Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine  
LSU Health Science Center  
NEOMED - Northeast Ohio Medical University  
Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine  
Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University  
Southern Illinois University  
Texas A&M College of Medicine  
The Ohio State University College of Medicine  
Tulane University School of Medicine  
UC San Francisco  
UCLA – David Geffen School of Medicine  
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences  
University of Arizona - Phoenix, College of Medicine  
University of Connecticut  
University of Michigan Medical School  
University of Missouri  
University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry  
University of Toledo  
University of Utah School of Medicine  
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