

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The **Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program** allows Idaho medical students to complete three of four years of medical school in Idaho, thereby increasing their familiarity with the healthcare needs of the State and region, and increasing the likelihood that they will return to Idaho communities to practice medicine. Twenty Idaho students complete their first year of medical training through the University of Washington School of Medicine's regional program at the University of Idaho's (UI) Moscow campus, sharing resources and faculty with the joint program at Washington State University in Pullman. After completing their second year of training in Seattle, WWAMI students have the opportunity to return and complete their 3rd and 4th year clinical training requirements in Idaho. These clinical rotations are coordinated through the Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program office in Boise.

The first year WWAMI Program at UI is directed by Andrew Turner, PhD, who reports to the Provost at UI, and also functions as an Assistant Dean of the University of Washington School of Medicine. The WWAMI Medical Education Program office in Boise is directed by Mary Barinaga, MD, who reports to the Vice Dean for Regional Affairs at the University of Washington School of Medicine, and also functions as an Assistant Dean in Idaho. The WWAMI Program at UI employs twelve part-time faculty (shared with other academic programs) and two administrative staff. Idaho students admitted to the WWAMI Medical Program are interviewed and selected by the Idaho Admissions Committee, a group of four Idaho physicians appointed by the Idaho State Board of Education, who work in cooperation with the University of Washington School of Medicine Admissions Committee.

The Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program is committed to helping prepare physicians for medical practice in Idaho, regardless of eventual sub-specialty selection, and to increasing the number of physicians who choose to practice in rural or underserved areas. There is also a strong commitment to the partnership between excellence in research and teaching in medical education. On average, WWAMI faculty in Idaho bring in \$5 Million each year in biomedical research awards. Cutting-edge research prepares the next generation of doctors to be well informed and at the forefront of clinical medical practice. The WWAMI faculty at the University of Idaho and our clinical/research faculty in Boise, Pocatello, Caldwell, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, McCall, Sandpoint, Hailey, and rural training communities, are committed to being dynamic teachers and informed biomedical scholars.

In addition, our WWAMI program goals include the continued development of humanitarian and service interests of our medical students, and recruitment from groups within Idaho that are traditionally underrepresented in medical school populations. WWAMI has established outreach programs to high schools and community colleges to encourage and prepare talented Idaho students from rural, underprivileged, or minority backgrounds who have an interest in medicine and health careers. In June 2011, Idaho WWAMI hosted the fourth North Idaho Pre-Med Forum, in Moscow. Forty-seven pre-health and pre-medical undergraduate students from north Idaho community colleges and universities attended this advising and recruitment forum.

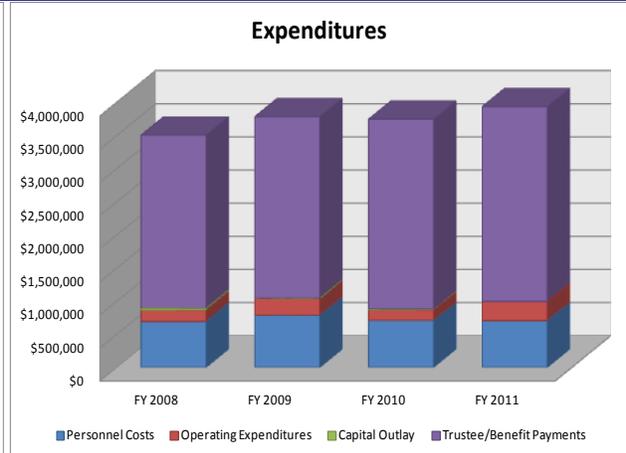
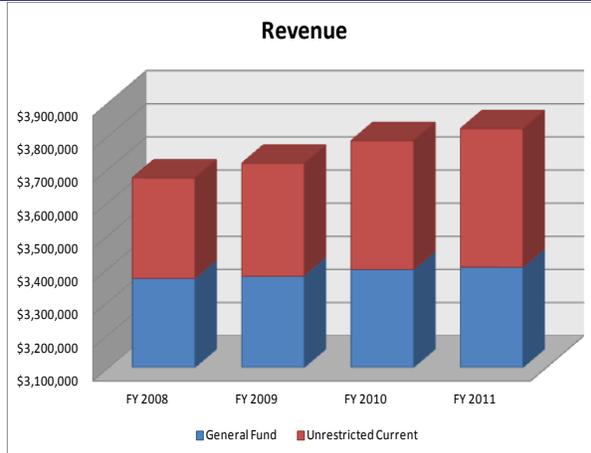
Core Functions/Idaho Code

The core function of the Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program at the University of Idaho is to provide qualified Idaho residents with access and education in the first year of medical training as part of the Idaho State Board of Education's contract with the University of Washington School of Medicine. Idaho Code **§33-3720** authorizes the State Board of Education to enter into contractual agreements to provide access for Idaho residents to qualified professional studies programs, and specifically, the WWAMI Medical Education Program (33-3717B(7)).

WWAMI

Revenue and Expenditures:

Beginning Fund Balance	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
	\$ 205,777	\$ 373,289	\$ 305,684	\$ 344,314
Revenue	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
General Fund	\$ 3,368,600	\$ 3,375,100	\$ 3,395,500	\$ 3,402,400
Unrestricted Current	303,779	341,146	388,874	418,449
Total	\$ 3,672,379	\$ 3,716,246	\$ 3,784,374	\$ 3,820,849
Expenditure	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personnel Costs	\$ 693,352	\$ 787,956	\$ 711,639	\$ 706,452
Operating Expenditures	169,795	254,482	157,319	290,169
Capital Outlay	29,861	774	12,626	
Trustee/Benefit Payments	2,611,859	2,740,639	2,864,160	2,939,741
Total	\$ 3,504,867	\$ 3,783,851	\$ 3,745,744	\$ 3,936,362
Ending Fund Balance	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
	\$ 373,289	\$ 305,684	\$ 344,314	\$ 228,801



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Number of Idaho Students Applying to UW Medical School (WWAMI)	141	134	114	129
- Average GPA ID WWAMI	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8
- Average MCAT Score ID WWAMI	10.4	10.2	9.9	9.5
Number of Idaho Students Admitted to UW Medical School	20	20	20	20
Number/Percentage of Graduates Practicing in Idaho (cumulative)	217/50%	224/50%	242/49%	248/50%

Performance Highlights:

1. In 2010-2011, 43 WWAMI students completed their entire year of medical training in Idaho. In addition to the 20 first year medical students in the UI WWAMI program in Moscow, 11 third year medical students and 12 fourth year medical students in the Idaho WWAMI Track in Boise. Twenty-eight additional WWAMI medical students completed one or more clinical training rotations in Idaho this past year, introducing them to Idaho’s healthcare system and future workforce needs.
2. Idaho WWAMI continues to maintain high levels of interest in rural and underserved medicine and rural training experiences. In 20101, we placed 18 first year medical students in one-month rural primary care training experiences throughout Idaho during the summer between their first and second years of medical school. In addition, 4 of these students participated in joint Idaho SEARCH Program placements, a rural workforce program grant within the Idaho Office of Rural Health and Primary Care.
3. Four Idaho WWAMI medical students were elected this year to the UWSOM chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha, the national honor society for medicine. By national guidelines, these students must be in the top twenty-five percent of the class to be eligible for election, and must show evidence of personal and professional development as a physician-in-training, integrity, compassion, fairness in dealing with one’s colleagues, and capacity for leadership. Idaho graduating WWAMI students Sean Edmunds (Twin Falls), Donald Perry (Rexburg), Lane Squires (Cedar Hills), and Bryn Parker (Elk City) are our Idaho medical honorees.
4. In January of 2011, for the second time since the WWAMI program began in Idaho, the Idaho Admissions Committee conducted admissions interviews in Idaho. The interviews took place over a four-day period at the University of Idaho Boise Center, where our four Idaho physician committee members interviewed 44 Idaho applicants. Idaho WWAMI admission interviews in Boise will now be a permanent part of the WWAMI admission process for Idaho students.
5. WWAMI-affiliated faculty at UI continue to be highly successful in bringing National Institute of Health biomedical research funding into Idaho. The Idaho INBRE Program, now in its third year of a \$16.6 Million NIH award to build Idaho’s biomedical research infrastructure, continues to expand research capacity at all nine of Idaho’s universities and colleges and the Boise VA, through shared faculty funding and undergraduate and graduate science student research support.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	Benchmark
Number of Idaho Applicants Per Year; Ratio of State Applicants Per Seat	141 7.0 : 1	134 6.7 : 1	114 5.7 : 1	129 6.5 : 1	2.2 : 1 ¹
Idaho WWAMI Pass Rate on the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination	100%	100%	100%	100%	91% ²
Number of Idaho Rural Summer Medical Student Placements Per Year	20	23	20	18	10 ³
Cumulative Idaho WWAMI return rate for graduates who practice medicine in Idaho (Idaho WWAMI graduates practicing in state/number of Idaho WWAMI graduates)	50%	50%	49%	50%	39% ⁴
Overall Idaho return on investment (ROI) for WWAMI graduates (five states) who practice medicine in Idaho (all WWAMI graduates practicing in Idaho/number of Idaho WWAMI graduates)	70%	72%	72%	73%	>60%
Percentage of Idaho WWAMI graduates choosing primary care specialties for residency training	47%	43%	35%	39%	50% ⁵

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¹This is the national ratio of in-state applicants per admitted student (2010)

²U.S. Pass Rate

³The target is 50% interest in rural training experiences.

⁴This is the national return rate for all medical schools in the U.S.

⁵This target rate is per the WWAMI mission