

Medical Student Faculty Advisor Guide

How you can help your school's AMA Medical Student Section succeed



As an AMA Medical Student Faculty Advisor, you can help your students access:

Research

AMA research resources bring your students from the basics all the way to our AMA Research Challenge, and a chance to compete for \$10,000

Leadership

Help students distinguish themselves through 1,000 leadership opportunities and build skills through training modules, project-based learning and more

Advocacy

Networking and hands-on experience advocating for change to turn your students' passions into health policy

Match








The AMA will help your students master the residency application process so they can make the right decisions about their career, prep for a knockout interview, explore residency opportunities, all to help them successfully match

AMA medical student member benefits

Annual membership dues for students are \$20 for one year and \$68 for four years.



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Medical student member benefits		
Your AMA membership saves you hundreds of dollars on these member benefits and more!		
Study aid of your choice with four-year membership <ul style="list-style-type: none">First Aid for the USMLE Step 1 2023First Aid for the USMLE Step 1 2024 (Pre-order)		Free
<ul style="list-style-type: none">UWorld USMLE® or COMLEX-USA® QBanks		Up to \$60 off
<ul style="list-style-type: none">AMBOSS Library		\$40 discount
Full access to the JAMA Network™ (online and audio subscription)		Free
Lenovo technology discounts on laptops, tablets, monitors and more		Up to 30% off
Hertz car rental discounts		Save up to 25% on car rental base rates at participating Hertz locations worldwide
Laurel Road student loan refinancing, personal loans, resident interview loans, and home loans		AMA member exclusive savings
Member exclusives		
1,000+ leadership positions at national, regional and local levels		Free
Leadership education modules to help you develop as a leader		Free
Search over 12,000 programs on FREIDA™ , the AMA Residency & Fellowship Database® with access to save, rank, take notes, download and compare programs, and plan ahead for application and Match fees with FREIDA's Residency Calculator		Free
Advocacy training and opportunities to meet with legislators on Capitol Hill		Free
Research Symposium to showcase your research with \$10,000 prize		Free
Poster Showcase to present your work on a variety of topics, including leadership, health equity, advocacy and policy, and more		Free

THANK YOU!

It is because of individuals like you that today's medical students are well positioned for success.

By serving as mentors, allies, and voices of knowledge and experience, your efforts and contributions make a difference—a difference the American Medical Association and the AMA Medical Student Section (MSS) very much appreciate.

The AMA would like to invite you to become an **AMA Medical Student Faculty Advisor**, and to work with us in offering support and guidance to our next generation of physicians.

This brochure offers an overview of the AMA Medical Student Faculty Advisor role, and how it fits into aiding the AMA-MSS's local campus section at your school.

For more information or to sign up to become a faculty advisor, do not hesitate to contact mss@ama-assn.org.

Again, thank you for all you do.

YOUR ROLE AS AN ADVISOR

What is an AMA Medical Student Faculty Advisor?

- AMA faculty advisors are academic physicians or medical school administrators who serve as a contact person at their medical school for the AMA-MSS local campus section.
- AMA faculty advisors provide year-over-year continuity for the AMA-MSS local campus section.
- Generally, faculty advisors assist local campus section leaders in identifying and obtaining useful AMA resources, and in offering insights into planning local campus section projects and activities.



Why do AMA local campus sections need a faculty advisor?

- Faculty advisors help guide the local campus section on issues students cannot manage on their own.
- Faculty advisors bring general organizational knowledge and institutional memory to the local campus section and can help new student leaders get “up to speed” with the wealth of resources, products, services, and activities the AMA and local medical societies can offer their members.

What can the AMA offer your medical students?

- **Leadership and training opportunities** to help distinguish your students as candidates for residency and resources to find the right Match.
- **Free access to the JAMA Network** and research resources to help students navigate the research path and bolster their CV.
- **Unique and vital connection to others** who care about advocacy and health equity—and an opportunity to turn their passions into health policy.

Role and responsibilities of an AMA Medical Student Faculty Advisor

- **Provide a connection** to the upper administration of the medical school
- **Be available** to assist students and AMA staff efforts in building or maintaining strength of local AMA campus section
- **Attend one meeting** per month during academic year
- **Advise in planning** local campus section activities, fundraising efforts, etc., as needed
- **Assist in bringing** guests to speak on issues relevant to the local AMA campus section.
- **Support student involvement** and participation at local, state, and national AMA meetings and events

BACKGROUND AND GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the AMA?

Founded in 1847, the American Medical Association is the largest and only national association that convenes 190+ state and specialty medical societies and other critical stakeholders. The AMA's mission is straightforward: to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

As the physicians' powerful ally in patient care, the AMA delivers on this mission by representing physicians with a unified voice in courts and legislative bodies across the nation; by removing obstacles that interfere with patient care; by leading the charge to prevent chronic disease and confront public health crises; and by driving the future of medicine to tackle the biggest challenges in health care including training the leaders of tomorrow.

The AMA's system of governance and policymaking include the AMA Board of Trustees, the AMA House of Delegates, a wide variety of councils and committees, several special sections and interest groups, and AMA senior leadership and staff.

What is the AMA Medical Student Section?

The American Medical Association Medical Student Section (MSS) is dedicated to representing medical students, improving medical education, developing leadership, and promoting activism for the health of America.

Today, the AMA-MSS serves more than 53,000 members representing students from over 250 accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools across the country. AMA-MSS members represent tomorrow's leaders in medicine and the stewards of the profession and patient care.

What is the AMA-MSS organizational structure?

- The AMA-MSS is organized by local campus section. Each LCME or AOA accredited medical school with medical student members of the AMA is considered a local campus section.
- Local campus sections serve as the primary unit for grassroots activity, member recruitment, and other forms of engagement and networking.
- Each local campus section receives a minimum of one delegate to represent the local campus section's concerns in the AMA-MSS Assembly. Schools with satellite campuses receive an additional delegate.
- The AMA-MSS is divided into seven regions (i.e., geographic regions), each of which also has a chair and regional meetings organized by the students.
- Specialty societies with student local campus sections and national medical student organizations are also eligible to send a delegate and alternate to AMA-MSS Assembly Meetings. Affiliated organizations may apply for Official Observer status in the AMA-MSS Assembly.

What does the AMA-MSS do?

- Ensures that medical students are represented in the AMA through their own democratic, policymaking body: the AMA Medical Student Section Assembly.
- Conducts two AMA-MSS Assembly meetings per year, held in conjunction with the AMA House of Delegates Annual and Interim meetings.
- Supports local activism and community service by coordinating the AMA National Service Project and offering the Section Involvement Grant program for local projects such as blood drives, health fairs, CPR classes, and more.
- Provides representation and direct involvement via voting participation at all levels of the AMA, including its councils and Board of Trustees.
- Develops future physician leaders by offering a wide range of leadership opportunities and promoting medical student involvement at the local, state and national level.
- Communicates AMA-MSS policy, initiatives and local campus section activities on the AMA-MSS webpage.
- Supports regional networking by medical students through the Physicians of the Future Summit, an annual event that brings students together to develop their leadership skills.
- Supports AMA-MSS local campus sections at each medical school through resources such as the “Local Campus Section Guide”.



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AMA-MSS community service opportunities

- AMA National Service Projects, held twice per year in conjunction with the AMA Annual and Interim meetings, focus attention on a national health issue.
- Section Involvement Grant program supports community service activities at the local campus section level.
- Community service project ideas coordinated by AMA-MSS local campus sections on a variety of topics, including legislative activism, domestic violence, child abuse, AIDS, minority outreach and more.



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AMA-MSS leadership opportunities

Become involved in the American Medical Association Medical Student Section (MSS) as a leader at the national, regional or local level. AMA membership and participation offer great ways to expand your professional potential.



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National leadership

- Elected members of the AMA-MSS Governing Council (nine positions)
- Student positions on all seven AMA councils, including Council on Medical Education, Council on Medical Service, Council on Legislation, Council on Long Range Planning and Development, Council on Science and Public Health, Council on Constitution and Bylaws, and Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (seven positions total)
- Voting member of the AMA Board of Trustees, elected by the AMA-MSS Assembly (one position)
- Sixteen AMA standing committees with leadership positions (57 positions)
- American Medical Political Action Committee, student board member (one position)
- Government Relations Advocacy Fellow (one position)
- AMA Foundation, student board member (one position)
- National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) Board of Directors, student representative (one position)
- National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) Advisory Committee (one position)
- Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), student representative (one position)
- AMA Women Physicians Section (WPS), student representative (one position)
- AMA Minority Affairs Section (MAS), student representative (one position)
- Advisory Committee on LGBTQ Issues, student representative (one position)
- AMA-MSS Digital Fellow (one position)
- AMA-MSS convention committees for the AMA Annual and Interim meetings (51 positions)

Regional leadership

- Regional delegates and alternate delegates to the AMA House of Delegates (52 positions)
- AMA-MSS region leadership (52 positions)

Local leadership

- School delegates and alternate delegates to the AMA-MSS Assembly (more than 120 positions)
- Local campus section executive board members (more than 400 positions)



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