

1358 Graduate students priced out of studying medicine Passed 14 March 2013

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We note

1. Tuition fees have risen to £9000.
2. The sudden increase in fees has prevented some students from continuing to pursue a career in medicine.
3. Competition into medical school is extremely high
4. Many students who do not receive a place at medical school choose to reapply as a graduate.
5. Universities offer alternative courses to students who miss out on a place as a route in Medicine.
6. 5 year courses are now only an option for students from privileged backgrounds preventing diversity.
7. There are a limited number of graduate entry courses and places.
8. Competition is fierce for graduate entry courses: 30:1.
9. No financial support available from SFE for tuition fees
10. Personal development loans have become unavailable
11. No bursaries to graduates on health courses at UEA
12. The number of graduate students applying to Medicine has fallen.
13. Graduate medical students have been shown to make better and more motivated doctors
14. Graduate Medical students bring a diverse range of skills and experience to Medical School.
15. Undergraduate students with three A's were offered a substantially bursary which was not used to directly support their education.

We believe

1. All students should have the opportunity to enter a career in medicine
2. The increase in tuition fees does not widen access to medicine
3. Graduate students bring life experience and additional skills to the profession.
4. The medical school will no longer have a diverse intake of individuals
5. Graduate students will be forced to undertake a number of part time jobs which could affect their studies and put them at a disadvantage to their peers.
6. Medicine will be a career for only the rich
7. Unlike most degrees choosing to study medicine also means choosing a career. Some people may not realise they want to enter this profession till later in their life and UEA are denying this opportunity.
8. UEA should be encouraging graduates to apply to their Medical School
9. Graduate medical students are being discriminated for having a degree despite being denied the opportunity to study medicine at 18 years old.

We resolve

1. To encourage the University to recognise the hardships of graduate students on undergraduate courses, in particular medicine.
2. To encourage the University to offer more support and financial assistance to Graduate medical students in the form of bursaries and loans
3. To lobby the University to open the £1500 bursary award to Graduate Medical students with a 2:1/1st degree and use the money to directly reduce the cost of tuition fees
4. To lobby the University to encourage graduate students into a career in Medicine
5. To lobby the University to recognise the qualifications of graduate medical students and their achievements to receive a place at medical school