



Freeman Scholars: JABSOM Resident Loan Repayment Program

INTRODUCTION

The Freeman Foundation was established in 1993 through the bequest and in memory of businessman and benefactor Mansfield Freeman, who had a career in international insurance and finance.

Since 2020, the Freeman Foundation has rewarded committed JABSOM residents and fellows with a one-time \$40,000 award applied to qualified medical school student loans. In an effort to address the physician shortage in Hawai'i, the awardee must agree to practice medicine in Hawai'i for two years following their residency or fellowship training. The Freeman Foundation values Residents/Fellows who have made training in and serving the people of Hawai'i a priority.

CRITERIA

1. Must be in good academic standing
2. Must have qualified educational loan debt from medical school in excess of \$40,000
3. Must be starting final year of a JABSOM Residency or Fellowship Program in July 2026
4. Must exhibit strong interest in and commitment to working in Hawai'i and caring for its people
5. Resident/Fellow electing to enter the Freeman Scholars: JABSOM Resident Loan Repayment Program must sign an agreement with the University of Hawai'i to practice medicine in Hawai'i pursuant to the JABSOM Resident Loan Repayment Program Participation & Application Terms and Conditions
6. Service payback commences immediately following the completion of either a JABSOM Core Residency Program or a JABSOM Fellowship Program, if applying as a fellow.

PREFERENCES

1. Preference is given to JABSOM medical school graduates
2. Preference is given to those with a strong connection to Hawaii.

PROGRAM TERMS

The **JABSOM Resident Loan Repayment Program** Participation and Application Terms and Conditions is the contract between the Resident/Fellow and the University of Hawai'i. The contract outlines the commitment the Resident/Fellow makes to serve in Hawai'i immediately following the completion of their Core Residency Program or Fellowship training (depending on when applying).

Three awards will be given in AY27 to unique recipients.

In an effort to maintain financial privacy, it will be incumbent on the Resident/Fellow to apply for consideration of this award. To assure recipients meet qualification criteria, resident/fellow applicants must authorize JABSOM to verify their student debt.

Notice of this opportunity will be posted on the JABSOM-GME website.

The pilot program will be monitored by the JABSOM Office of the Designated Institutional Official (DIO).

Nominations must be submitted by JABSOM-sponsored Residency/Fellowship Program Directors to be considered by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will comprise the Dean of JABSOM, JABSOM AHEC Director and JABSOM DIO or their respective representatives.

This award may be taxable. Any and all tax liabilities will be the responsibility of the recipient as a condition of accepting this award. Please consult with your tax advisor for more information.

TIMELINE

July 16: Application deadline

July 30: Deadline for Program Directors to submit resident nominations and accompanying letters of recommendation to Selection Committee

Early August: Selection of three Freeman Scholars is announced by the Selection Committee

September: Service commitment contracts are signed by award recipients

October: Award payments are made directly to qualified student loan lenders