



# DOGANA Loan Program

Dow Graduate Association of North America has received several requests from recent graduates for financial assistance in examination fees, residency applications, and travel expenses as they make their transition to the United States. The Central Council has thus started a loan program to address these needs.

## Determining Committee:

There is a 9-member committee that has been selected to manage these accounts, screen the applicants, and determine recipients. There will be four members from the Central Council (Committee Chair, Term President, President Elect, and Executive Director), and five general members with a strong background in philanthropic work and community involvement. The central council members will serve the duration of their elected term, and the non-central council members will serve a three-year term. The committee includes:

1. Committee Chair & President Elect - Samia Faiz MD
2. President - Mansoor Mohiuddin MD
3. Executive Director - Azim Qureshi MD
4. Advisor - Mansoor Mehdi MD
5. General Member - Aliya Ahmed MD
6. General Member - Sumera Rauf MD
7. General Member - Syed Askari Hasan MD
8. General Member - Sarah Hamid MD
9. General Member - Zunaira Abdul Ghaffar MD

## Administrative Coordinator

Kathleen Taylor

## Loan Amount

The maximum amount loaned will be up to \$3,000.00 per candidate. This is a non-interest loan that will be awarded in full and then needed to be paid back within two years of starting residency. In the case that the candidate is unable to secure a residency spot, he/she will not be obligated to pay back the loan. The applicant who receives this loan **MUST** send ALL RECEIPTS of what was purchased with this loan i.e. registration fees for ECFMG, registration fees for USMLE, ERAS application fees for residency, or travel receipts.

## Criteria for Applicants:

1. Must be a Dow University of Health Sciences graduate
2. Must have applied on an open merit seat to medical school
3. Must have at least 5 points of the following criteria:

1 point	US clinical rotation, Research Publication, Research Abstract, Residency interview confirmation, or positive visa status (green card or H1 visa)
2 point	> 230 on Step 1, Step 2 CK, or Step 3

*Please note if you do not meet all of the above criteria, but would still like to apply, we do consider every application and special circumstances can be made if a deserving applicant applies.*

## Instructions to Apply:

1. Must complete DOGANA Loan Form

2. Must provide an up to date Curriculum Vitae
3. Must provide 2 Letters of Recommendation (at least one from the United States)
4. Please send completed form with all supplementary documents listed above to [info@dogana.org](mailto:info@dogana.org) and [samiafaiz@gmail.com](mailto:samiafaiz@gmail.com) for consideration

*For more information please contact: [info@dogana.org](mailto:info@dogana.org)*