

Request to Establish a New Academic Organizational Unit

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University: University of Arizona

Name of Organizational Unit: <i>Department of Health Sciences Graduate Studies</i>
Academic Department: College of Health Sciences (pending ABOR approval)
Geographic Site: Tucson – Main, Phoenix
Proposed Inception Term: Fall 2023
Brief Description: <p>The <i>Department of Health Sciences Graduate Studies</i> will house the existing Clinical Translational Sciences graduate program and will be the locus for interprofessional training for the other College of Health Sciences programs and for training in research ethics and clinical bioinformatics, in addition to developing future health sciences degrees and certificates. The new department will work with the College of Health Sciences in meeting UArizona strategic pillars including initiatives to strengthen a commitment to equity and support of diverse communities by recruiting, educating, and graduating students from underrepresented backgrounds that may contribute to health disparities experienced in their communities. It also includes a commitment to advancing Native American and tribal engagement. The CTS program in this proposed department is poised to serve these initiatives with excellence by providing leadership to support these efforts, while identifying opportunities for new degree programs within the department. The department will also serve the faculty to provide support related to their teaching and mentorship, recruitment and retention, research activities, faculty appointments and promotion efforts in alignment with the College of Health Sciences structure and goals</p>
Reason for Establishing the Organizational Unit: <p>The <i>Department of Health Sciences Graduate Studies</i> is proposed to house the Clinical Translational Sciences graduate program (CTS) that is moving into the newly proposed College of Health Sciences. The department will be located at the University of Arizona main campus in Tucson with a branch office in Phoenix, and it will support the activities of current and future health sciences graduate programs.</p> <p>The decision to create this department was both strategic and necessary. Strategically, it is designed to support the strong interprofessional focus of the health science and professional programs that will reside within this new college and their respective accreditation requirements related to interprofessional education. For example, we anticipate that CTS faculty will provide interprofessional research training for College of Health Sciences trainees in their scholarly projects as well as degree opportunities and training for NIH K awardees and UArizona Clinical Translational Sciences Institute awardees. It is also strategically related to the development and expansion of our health professional programs, which require faculty with academic terminal degrees beyond their professional degree for continued accreditation. Thus, the <i>Department of Health Sciences Graduate Studies</i> will develop an interprofessional graduate program to award a masters degree or doctorate in health sciences utilizing existing resources and knowledge available within CTS programs.</p>

Resources

The Department of Health Sciences Graduate Studies will house the existing CTS graduate degree program. Funding is comprised of existing tuition revenue and state funding.

Expenditures include faculty and staff, operations, graduate tuition remission, and other funds for student support. The College receives activity-based revenue through the

University's Activity Informed Budget (AIB) model for enrollment. Please note that **SCH revenue is and will continue to be distributed to the colleges teaching program-based courses** unless the teaching effort of those faculty is funded directly by the CTS program.

Based on the current budget, the department requires permanent state funding of approximately \$100k per year. No new funding from the University or State is requested. Shared support services, including marketing and communications, finance and accounting, human resources, information and educational technology management, research administration, and philanthropy are provided through the Office of the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences.

The Department's administration is housed on the 9th floor of the HSIB with a branch office in the BSPB in Phoenix, and the program utilizes other already existing teaching and study facilities available in Health Sciences.