

College of Medicine – Phoenix 2026-2027 Committee Roster

Below is a list of the faculty members who are elected or appointed to serve on the College of Medicine – Phoenix committees. Ad hoc, ex-officio, non-faculty and student members are not listed.

If you have questions or changes, contact the Office of Academic and Faculty Affairs at comphx-oafa@arizona.edu. For information about committee details, refer to the approved bylaws on the [Governance](#) webpage.

Admissions Committee

The Admissions Committee will be responsible for considering recommendations of advisory groups, reviewing and finalizing the selection of applicants for admission to the MD Program, MD/PhD Program, Pathway Scholars Program (PSP), Primary Care Accelerated Program (PCAP)-- and any potential future programs (e.g., Early Assurance Programs) having as a component issuing the Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix.

The Office of Undergraduate Medical Education requests that the individual members of the Admissions Committee not be listed in this roster. This ensures the committee's ability to conduct holistic and fair reviews of medical student applicants while minimizing outside influence or pressure.

Questions can be directed to the Office of Admissions & Recruitment at comphx-admissions@arizona.edu.

Appointment, Promotions & Tenure (AP&T) Committee

This committee will review and advise the dean regarding each proposed faculty appointment, promotion and tenure award above the level of assistant professor. Other related duties may be assigned by the dean.

Committee Members:	Start	End
Samuel Galvagno, DO, PhD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Maria Gibson, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Kate Perry, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Joyce Lee-Iannotti, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Natasha Keric, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Heather Bartz, DO	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Kristian Schafernak, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028

Freya Spielberg, MD, MPH	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Janet Maurer, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Yanqiao Zhang, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Christopher Glembotski, PhD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027
Lisa Shah-Patel, MD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027
Stewart Goldman, MD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee

The Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee provides faculty oversight and governance for the CME program at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix. The committee supports the CME mission and ensures that the program operates in compliance with the ACCME Accreditation Criteria and the Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education.

Committee Members:	Start	End
Samuel Galvagno, DO, PhD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Emily Mallin, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Patty Duran, PhD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee will work with the chief academic officer or designee to advance educational goals, review all components of the curriculum, establish the policies - including policies regarding assessment of student performance, criteria and its achievement of the program's objectives - necessary to meet accreditation requirements and assure decisions related to the academic program are in alignment with the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix policies and LCME accreditation standards.

Committee Members:	Start	End
Evan Garofalo, PhD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
James Lindgren, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Jenny Zhang, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Priya Rajdev, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Samantha Wu, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Mouhanned Eliliwi, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Isabelle Schrauwen, PhD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Theresa Grebe, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Doug Campos-Outcalt, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Brenda L. Shinar, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Melisa Celaya, PhD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027
Cory Pfeifer, MD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027
Neha Dahiya, PhD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027

Faculty Advisory Council

The Faculty Advisory Council is advisory to the Dean, providing a voice for the faculty in the governance of the College. The Faculty Advisory Council will meet no less than quarterly each year and advise the dean on matters related to the mission of the College or of interest to the faculty.

Committee Members:	Start	End
Mohammed Elkhwad, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Jeffrey Hotz, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Rachel Mariani, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
James Lindgren, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Linda Nelson, MD, PhD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Kelley Saunders, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Pamela C. Garcia-Filion, PhD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028

Honor Code Committee

The Honor Code Committee reviews student violations of the Honors Code and makes recommendations for disciplinary actions. This committee is also responsible for upholding the standards of academic integrity across the College.

Committee Members:	Start	End
Sumit Agarwal, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Will Heise, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Neha Dahiya, MBBS	7/1/2025	6/30/2028

Honors and Awards Committee

The Honors and Awards Committee is a standing committee of the College that is responsible for maintaining an inventory of honors and awards at the College, focusing primarily on faculty awards. The committee will review nominations and select awardees for college awards. The committee will advise the dean on the addition and/or removal of awards offered at the College. The committee will also review external requests from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and other organizations for nominees. The committee will request nominations for institutional and external awards from appropriate stakeholders, including departments and centers. The committee will review the nominees and supporting documents to provide a recommendation to the Dean.

Committee Members:	Start	End
Robin McFarlane, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Ekokobe Fonkem, DO	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Dannah Raz, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029

Ali Alkhayat, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Merima Bucaj, DO	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
David Greenspan, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Linda Nelson, MD, PhD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Sheena Sharma, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Roxana Ursea, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Frederic Zenhausern, PhD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027
Neha Dahiya	7/1/2024	6/30/2027

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall call for nominations for committee membership from the faculty-at-large. In accordance with the College's mission, and to ensure shared governance of the College, the Nominating Committee will deliberate and decide which nominees will be placed on the ballot and fill mid-term vacancies to ensure balanced administrative representation.

Committee Members:	Start	End
Aaron Goldberg, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Jennifer Ronecker, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Gary Walker, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Rachel Sweenie, PhD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Kamala Saha, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Allison O'Mara, PsyD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Kristen Yee, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Jennifer Meyfeldt, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Georgia Baumann, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Jeffrey Stowell, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Ahmar Husain, MD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027
Emily Mallin, MD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027
Lora Hebert, MD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027
Lisa Shah-Patel, MD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027

Research Senate

The Research Senate advises the dean on matters related to the research mission of the College. As such the committee can recommend: 1) initiatives that increase and improve the effectiveness of basic, translational and clinical research and training, including strategic programs and infrastructure; 2) plans that increase community awareness of biomedical research initiatives that impact healthcare and 3) educational, public relations, advocacy and fundraising opportunities for research.

Committee Members:	Start	End
Freya Spielberg, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Frank Rybicki, MD, PhD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Peter Chiarelli, MD, PhD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Gerardo Gomez-Abundis, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Maria Manriquez-Sanchez, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Melissa Warden, PhD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Pamela Garcia-Filion, PhD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027
Tobias Jakobi, PhD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027
Raymond Migrino, MD	7/1/2024	6/30/2027

Student Appeals Committee

The Student Appeals Committee will consider appeals for final decisions of the Student Progress Committee. Decisions of this committee are binding and cannot be appealed further within the College.

No member of the Student Appeals Committee will serve simultaneously as a member of the Student Progress Committee.

Committee Members:	Start	End
Will Heise, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Claudia Yeung, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Nehal Thakkar, MD, MBA	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Moneesh Bhow, MD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028
Suwon Kim, PhD	7/1/2025	6/30/2028

Student Progress Committee

The Student Progress Committee will have jurisdiction to consider all cases of unsatisfactory academic or non-academic performance, including discipline. The committee will have broad discretion to address issues related to a student's academic progress and disciplinary matters and to formulate plans for progression and discipline in a manner consistent with College policy. The committee will also certify that students have met the criteria for promotion to the next academic level and have met the criteria for graduation and receipt of the MD degree. The committee will serve as the appeals committee. If a student meets criteria for academic dismissal, the committee will review and provide recommendations to the vice dean of Undergraduate Medical Education and associate dean of Student Affairs.

No member of the Student Progress Committee will serve simultaneously as a member of the Student Appeals Committee. Due to conflict-of-interest policies, directors of blocks, courses and clerkships may not serve on this committee.

Committee Members:	Start	End
Korwyn Williams, MD, PhD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Sheena Sharma, MD	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Jamie Pardini, PhD	7/9/2026	6/30/2028
Zoe Forester, MD	9/19/2025	6/30/2028
Poonam Bhatia, MD	2/1/2024	6/30/2028
Arie Zakaryan, PhD	7/1/2024	6/30/2028
Lisa Yanez-Fox, EdD	7/1/2023	6/30/2027
Sarah Coles, MD	7/1/2023	6/30/2027