## Memorandum of Understanding Guaranteed Interview Program

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into this <u>20th</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2019, by and between Lewis-Clark State College and the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine ("ICOM").

#### RECITALS

- A. Lewis-Clark State College is a four-year college offering bachelors degrees, which prepare the student in Pre-Medical Studies.
- B. ICOM is an osteopathic medical college requiring four years of education, the completion of which earns a student the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree ("DO").
- C. Due to the diminished opportunities for medical training in the United States, the chronic shortages of physicians in the rural areas of Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, and beyond, the shortage of primary care physicians, and the shortage of physicians providing care for underserved populations and medical missions, Lewis-Clark State College and ICOM desire to create and to cooperate in a guaranteed interview program (the "Guaranteed Interview Program") by which qualified students are offered interviews in connection with possible admission to ICOM by following a distinct academic protocol and demonstrating high achievement.
- D. The Guaranteed Interview Program acknowledges that certain undergraduate institutions offer particularly challenging pre-medical programs. Candidates who perform well at the undergraduate level will be better-prepared to succeed in a rigorous medical curriculum.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants by each party to be kept and performed, it is agreed as follows:

# SECTION 1: GUARANTEED INTERVIEW PROGRAM

- 1. The Guaranteed Interview Program shall be made available for up to a total of five (5) Lewis-Clark State College undergraduate students each year who:
  - a) meet all general admission requirements, including minimum MCAT and GPA as published on ICOM's website at the time of application; and
  - b) complete all required prerequisite courses as published on ICOM's website at the time of application.

## SECTION 2: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Lewis-Clark State College expressly agrees that ICOM retains the right to deny admission to any candidate, regardless of qualifications.
- 2. Neither Lewis-Clark State College nor ICOM shall unlawfully discriminate against any candidate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, religion, national origin, age, or disabilities.
- 3. The Guaranteed Interview Program shall at all times be subject to ICOM's current and applicable policies and procedures.
- 4. Nothing in this Agreement or the programs shall be construed as transferring financial responsibility from one party to another. Tuition and fees will be paid to and collected by the institution the candidate is actually attending.
- 5. This Agreement shall be effective upon its execution and shall continue for four (4) years and will automatically renew for an unlimited number of four-year periods thereafter, unless this Agreement is earlier terminated for any reason by either party.
- 6. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause with ninety (90) days written notice. Any termination will apply prospectively.
- 7. Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause, and such termination shall be effective upon receipt of written notice from the terminating party.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement under seal as of the day and year first above written.

# Lewis-Clark State College

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