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BMC
Batterjee Medical College

Financial Support for Students from Low and Lower-Middle-Income Countries (LIC & LMIC)

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Batterjee Medical College	Policy & Procedures
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1. **Purpose & Strategic Alignment:**
   In alignment with the SDG 1 (No Poverty) and Batterjee Medical College's (BMC's) commitment to global educational equity, this policy establishes the institutional framework to financially support international students originating from economically disadvantaged nations. Education is a global right, and BMC is committed to ensuring that financial limitations do not prevent talented students from developing countries from accessing higher medical education.

2. **Aims & Strategic Target Demographics:**
   This policy specifically targets international students who are citizens of countries classified by the **World Bank** as **Low-Income Countries (LIC)** or **Lower-Middle-Income Countries (LMIC)** at the time of their admission or during their academic tenure at BMC.

3. **Support Schemes and Grants:**
   To alleviate the financial burdens faced by international students from LICs and LMICs (including currency devaluation and lack of home-country educational funding), BMC provides the following dedicated support schemes:
   - **Tuition Support (Free Education/Grants):** Eligible students may receive full or partial tuition fee waivers to significantly reduce or eliminate the cost of their academic programs.
   - **Housing and Accommodation:** Understanding the high cost of expatriate living, BMC grants eligible international students priority access to college-owned residential facilities (Hostels) on a **Free Housing** or **Reduced Fees** basis.
   - **Food and Cost-of-Living Security:** BMC provides supplementary support, such as meal vouchers or subsidized cafeteria access, to ensure the physical well-being of international students.

4. Application and Verification Process

All domestic financial aid programs are open and equally available to international students. To access these specialized international grants, students must:

1. Complete the official "Financial Support Application"
2. Provide verifiable documentation of their international permanent home address and overall annual household income in their home country.
3. Submit the application to the Admission Office and Financial Aid Committee for independent evaluation based strictly on demonstrated financial need.

5. Non-Discrimination and Equal Access

BMC ensures that no eligible international student from an LIC or LMIC is excluded from applying for these funds. The Financial Aid Office will actively communicate the availability of these grants during the international recruitment and admission cycles.

6. Review and Revision:

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years by the Department to ensure it remains effective and compliance with current laws. Revisions will be documented and communicated to all relevant stakeholders.

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