**Academy of Medical Education Scholars**

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Academy of Medical Education Scholars (AMES) at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson is to create and sustain a diverse community of scholars dedicated to excellence and innovation in medical education.

This mission is to be achieved in the following ways:

* Promote and advocate for excellence, innovation, and research in medical education.
* Consult with and advise faculty committees and administrators regarding goals, design, and best practices in medical education.
* Help to recruit new medical educators to the UA.
* Coach COM faculty members toward excellence and innovation in medical education.
* Provide peer evaluation of individual COM faculty members’ teaching upon request, including for purposes of departmental review, Promotion & Tenure review, and program and accreditation review.
* Support innovation in medical education through the funding of pilot research grants and travel grants.
* Recognize and reward excellence and innovation in medical education at the COM.
* Educate medical students and residents about key concepts and best practices in medical education, in collaboration with the Office of Medical Student Education.
* Promote and support scholarship and scholarly attitudes toward medical education.
* Advise the Deputy Dean for Education concerning proposals for medical-education research studies submitted for approval by the Deputy Dean, as requested.