CONGRATULATIONS
AND WELCOME TO
UAG SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Dear UAG Students,

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine I congratulate you on your acceptance, welcome you, and wish you much success in your medical school career over the next four years! You are joining the community of health care professionals at a challenging and unique time in our global history.

Our mission as an institution is to teach with creativity and dedication, to heal with quality and compassion, and to inspire discovery and innovation with integrity and resolve. As we prepare for another academic year, the UAG community renews that commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of our local, national, and global communities. You will be introduced to the great variety of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities available at UAG, developing relationships with classmates, faculty, and administrative staff.

Each day, we realize this mission through our faculty's dedication to teaching critical skills to hundreds of medical students, preparing them for the challenges that lie ahead in the future of health care. Our faculty members are leaders in the field of medical and health education, working to establish standardized learning techniques.

In my role as dean, I am often asked to give presentations about leadership. I welcome the opportunity to share my passion for diversity, my experience that vision is the result of listening and learning, and my conviction that an integrated organization is greater than the sum of its parts. Among these observations about leadership is my belief in the importance of cultivating future leaders, something we do every day in our educational programs and is an area of increased focus at the faculty level. As Dean, it is my pleasure to lead these instructors and mentors as we welcome each class of students who want to make a difference in the lives of patients young and old.

With warmest wishes and deepest appreciation,

Ricardo A. Del Castillo
Dean of International Program
Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine
Welcome to UAG School of Medicine and Congratulations on your acceptance to medical school! We are excited that you have chosen to become part of the UAG family. Our Orientation will provide you with information to help our incoming class to start on the right track. You will receive information that will include policies, registration, resources, tips, and tools you will need to make a successful transition to UAG and get prepared for their first semester.

**Pre-Orientation Checklist**

Before you attend Orientation, you must complete the following tasks, to prepare for life on campus at UAG School of Medicine:

- Register for Orientation.
- Financial Aid refund preferences.
- Compliance Documents.
- Immunization Records.

**Online Orientation**

All accepted students are required to attend the online orientation.

- **Welcome Message**
  Antonio Leaño Reyes / UAG President
- **Dean's Remarks**
  Ricardo Del Castillo / Dean International Program School of Medicine
- **Curriculum Overview**
- **Harvard HMX courses**
- **Virtual Campus Tour**
- **Simulation Center**
- **Financial Aid**
- **UAG policies and Regulations (Honor Code, Handbook)**
- **Digital Platforms**
- **Extra-Curricular Activities**
- **UAG Student Services and Student Organizations**
- **Health Insurance**
- **International Student Affairs Office (ISAO)**
- **Drug Abuse**
- **U.S. Consulate General Guadalajara**

**White Coat Ceremony**

The White Coat Ceremony marks the start of your medical career.

You will be called up individually during this ceremonial convocation to receive your white coat. The event will take place at the UAG Main Campus's Soccer Stadium.

UAG will comply with all safety regulations during the White Coat event. Students and their guests will be screened upon entry and confirm that each participant has a face covering/face mask.

Each student will be permitted to invite up to four guests to join them in celebrating this significant milestone; guests will be seated on stadium benches.
International Students Affairs Office - ISAO

The International Student Affairs Office (in Spanish: Dirección de Asuntos Estudiantiles Internacionales. DAEI), is located on the ICB Campus, across the school auditoriums. This office encompasses a variety of student services designed to provide the necessary support and enrichment for the UAG student campus life:

- Enrollment Services
- Student Life Services
- Immigration issues and Visa Information
- Academic Services and Registrar Office

School Dress Code

It is important for you to understand that as part of your integrated medical education an appropriate way of dressing and personal appearance is not only of benefit to you but also to your future training and care of patients.

All medical students shall observe and comply with the following rules:

1. Beards or goatees clean and trimmed.
2. No shorts of any kind (this includes women).
3. No sandals of any kind.
4. No earrings on any visible part of the body for male students. Female students may only wear earrings in their ears, not on any other visible part of the body.
5. Short haircut for males (No ponytails).
6. No exposure of tattoos, in case that you have one, you need to always cover during your stay at the facilities of the school.

All medical students must dress in all white for all academic activities. White slacks, short white lab coat or white scrubs, and white shoes (no crocs).

Medical Equipment Checklist

- White lab coat (short or long) - Bata
- Stethoscope – Estetoscopio
- Diagnosis Kit (Ophthalmoscope, Otoscope, Rhinoscope) - Estuche de Diagnóstico
- Blood Pressure Gauge and multiple cuffs - Esfigmomanómetro
- Reflex Hammer (w/ rubber head) - Martillo de Reflejos
- Clinical Thermometer (digital) - Termómetro Clínico
- Pen Light - Lámpara de Bolsillo
- Tuning Fork (over 500 decibels recommended) – Diapasón
- Metric Measuring Tape (soft) - Cinta Métrica
Medical and Immunization Record

The Medical and Immunization Record Form requires a medical history and examination completed by a physician as well as a series of tests and immunization titers. This form must be completed by a physician.

Submit documents prior to Orientation. Late, incomplete, or inaccurate information will prevent registration. Please submit form to admissions@uag.edu.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION:
Please note: All titers must include a lab report
Immunization Form PDF

COVID-19 VACCINE: Students are not required to get immunized against COVID-19, although it is highly recommended.

   a. Students not vaccinated against COVID-19 will be ineligible to participate in off-campus clinical activities

Health Insurance

Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara is pleased to offer Health Insurance Plan administered by AXA.

Health Plan Insurance is mandatory for all UAG registered students.

Please note that this health insurance plan is not administered by UAG. Therefore, questions regarding coverage, claims, etc. Should not be directed to UAG, all information will be provided during Orientation.

Immigration Information

1. Obtaining Your Student Visa:

   The Mexican Immigration Department requires that all Non-Mexican applicants request a student VISA (VISA DE ETIQUETA).

   It is necessary that the student acquires his/her student VISA (VISA de Etiqueta) through any Mexican Consulate office in their country prior to arriving to Guadalajara. Requirements on obtaining a Student Visa can vary from one Mexican Consulate to another; however, most Consulates will require an Original Economic Solvency Letter and Original Letter of Acceptance.

To make the process of obtaining your visa easier, we are providing the following guidelines:

   • Contact your local Mexican Consulate ahead of time to obtain all the requirements for a Student Visa.
   • Ask if you must provide original documents.
   • To obtain an Original Economic Solvency Letter, contact the International Affairs Office. You will need to complete all your financial aid documentation and then submit a written request to isao@uag.edu (Copy of the letter will be sent to you via email).
   • Schedule an appointment with the Mexican Consulate.
   • This VISA should be attached to your passport indicating validity for 180 days.
For students with no federal loans, you will need to take bank account statements for the last 6 months. If student is under 25 years old, you can present your parents bank account statements.

2. Entering Mexico: 
   Once you arrive to Mexico, officers from Immigration and Customs will review your documents at the port of entry before they allow you to enter the country.

   Have the following documents ready for Immigration and Customs to review:

   • Valid passport
   • Forma Migratoria Multiple (FMM).
   • Customs Declaration form

Forma Migratoria Multiple (FMM) – This is a card that will be given to you on your flight to México. Please complete it and give it to the Immigration Officer at the Immigration check point.

Customs Declaration form – This is a card that will be given to you on your flight to México. Please complete it and give it to the Custom Officer during the customs inspection.

It is very important that you show the INM Agent at the border or airport your sticker VISA, given to you by the consulate, in your passport upon arriving in Mexico. **Students should ensure that the date of entry stamped on the form is correct and that you have been documented as a student (NOT TOURIST) and it has been marked in your FMM with CANJE and 30 days.**

**DO NOT** leave the immigration counter if you have been marked as a tourist. **PAY ATTENTION:** If your FMM form says “180 days”, then they marked you as a tourist. You will know you were documented correctly (as a student) when your FMM form says, “30 days”.

If you are traveling with any family members that will be in the country for more than 6 months, they must apply for the correct VISA at the Mexican Consulate office in their country prior to arriving to Guadalajara.

3. Obtaining your Student Resident Card:

   The FMM document must be kept in good condition and in a safe place as it will be required for all your immigration processes. Remember that you will have a period of 30 days after you enter the country to begin the process of obtaining your student resident card.

   Please contact the UAG Immigration Department to learn about the process and the documents needed at asuntosmigratorios@edu.uag.mx (ISAO office).

   It is essential to have a valid passport from your country of origin while attending UAG.

   Failure to comply with the terms provided by the Mexican Government for immigration procedures could result in fines and/or cancellation of your immigration status requiring you to leave the country.

**Traveling with Pets**

   Before you travel, you must check with your veterinary and obtain a health certificate and proof of vaccines. On arrival at the port of entry (land, sea or air), take your pet(s) to the zoo sanitary kiosk (look for the acronym SAGARPA/SENSAICA, which is the Ministry responsible for this process) at the port of entry and present the documentation to facilitate your pet’s entry into Mexico.

   Airlines may have separate and additional requirements. Check with your airline to determine what requirements they may have, if any.
Vehicle Importation

If you are planning to take your car, take into consideration the cost and regulations for a Temporary Vehicle Importation Permit: https://www.banjercito.com.mx/registroVehiculos/

Housing information

Getting a place to live is as important as your registration for school. The UAG School of Medicine helps our first semester students find housing through Real Estate Agencies or a useful international housing website that helps you rent a place fast and easy.

The following links will help you accomplish this step toward organizing your new life in Guadalajara and get yourself ready to focus on the primary goal: your classes!

The international student housing platform:  https://www.nestpick.com/guadalajara/

Real Estate Agencies:  
http://www.ampiguadalajara.com.mx/

Host Families:  
http://casasdeasistencia.uag.mx/

The school is located at the following address:

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Av. Aztecas 970  
Prados Providencia 44670  
Guadalajara, Jalisco México
• Classrooms
• Dean's office
• Teachers office
• Coffee shop

• Classrooms
• Amphitheaters

• Auditoriums
• Simulation center
• Laboratories

• Student Service Center
• Clinical Cycles

• Library

• Soccer fields

• Study Patients Unit

• Parking lot
CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions before your arrival, please feel free to contact the following offices:

• **Admissions**
  San Antonio office
  Tel 210-3661611
  Toll Free 1-800-531-5494
  email: uagsom@uag.edu

  Puerto Rico office
  Tel 787-7632457
  Toll Free 1-800-981-9925
  email: uagpr@uag.edu

• **School of Medicine**
  Tel. 52-3336488305 ext. 33056
  email: pim@edu.uag.mx

• **Financial Aid Information**
  Tel. 210-3661611
  Toll Free 1-877-858-7700
  email: fin_aid@uag.edu

• **International Students Affairs**
  Tel 52-3336488305 ext. 33456
  email: isao@uag.edu

• **Bursars**
  Tel 52-3336488305 ext. 33012
  email: asuntosfinancieros@edu.uag.mx

• **Immigration Services**
  Tel 52-3336488305 ext. 33073
  email: asuntosemigratorios@edu.uag.mx

• **Credentials Verification**
  Tel 52-3336488305 ext. 33401
  email: asuntosecfmg@edu.uag.mx

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