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# Faculty Sponsorship of Student for Admission as a Beginning Freshman

Circular 2017-13

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## Scope

An individual who has been denied admission to IUPUI based on academic performance in high school or performance on the GED may be conditionally admitted as a beginning freshman if a full-time tenure track faculty member assumes the responsibility for sponsorship of the individual. This policy does not apply to individuals who have been denied admission for reasons other than prior academic record, who have been previously enrolled at IUPUI and who have been dismissed, who have been dismissed from another IU campus or other academic institution, or who are attempting to transfer to IUPUI. This policy does not apply to international students.

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## Policy Statement

An individual who is conditionally admitted via faculty sponsorship will be required to agree to comply with the stipulations for admission as determined by the individual's faculty sponsor and academic advisor.

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## Reason for Policy

Individuals who do not meet admissions requirements on their own can be conditionally admitted through sponsorship of faculty member who believes he/she can succeed with guidance.

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## Procedures

To be considered for faculty-sponsored admission, the student and the faculty sponsor must complete and submit a “Petition for Sponsorship for Admission”. This sponsorship is available in exceptional circumstances as determined by the faculty member. At a minimum, the individual will be required to

- Complete, with the faculty sponsor, a “Petition for Sponsorship for Admission.”
- Meet program requirements set by the university for conditional admission:
  - Require participation in a priority date orientation session, Summer Bridge program, or alternative program.
  - Register in an appropriate math course receiving peer assistance from the Math Assistance Center.
  - Schedule regular meetings with a personal success coach through the first year of enrollment.
  - Meet with the faculty sponsor monthly during the semester.
- Achieve a minimum GPA of 2.0 to enroll in the subsequent semester.
- Enroll in at least 12 credit hours. It is strongly recommended that students do not enroll in more than 15 credit hours.

If the individual successfully completes the stipulations in the admission contract, the individual can enroll in the subsequent semester under the same requirements as a conditionally-admitted student.

Due to the faculty sponsorship being an exception to the current standards for admission, the requests for sponsorships should be kept at a minimum. Each year, the chief enrollment officer will report to the chief academic officer and to the University College Admissions Committee on the number of individuals who have enrolled on a sponsored basis and the success of those individuals.

A faculty member can sponsor only one individual per semester. The faculty member is responsible for overseeing the academic progression of the individual in partnership with the individual’s academic advisor.

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## Sanctions

Failure to comply with the stipulations in the admission contract will result in the student being dismissed. The director of admissions will specify the stipulations for readmission. Requests to review the stipulations for admission and readmission should be directed to the Chief Enrollment Officer. The “Petition for Sponsorship for Admission” is available from the Office of Admissions.

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## History

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