

DELAWARE INSTITUTE FOR DENTAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

(DIDER)

Through the Delaware Institute for Dental Education and Research (DIDER), Delaware has an agreement with a dental school in Philadelphia – Temple University, Kornberg School of Dentistry (Temple). Each year Temple agrees to accept at least 5 Delaware applicants into the freshman class. In return, Temple receives \$12,500 per student, up to \$250,000, regardless of how many Delawareans matriculate there. Also through DIDER, Delaware has provided tuition assistance to DIDER students at Temple, provided funding to dental residency programs, and matched federal funding for the State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP).

DIDER Appropriations History

State funding for DIDER has been reduced in the past several years. Below is a history of DIDER funding for Fiscal Year 2015 through Fiscal Year 2017:

Fiscal Year 2015 – In Senate Bill 255, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, funding was appropriated to the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) for DIDER in the amount of \$515,500.

- Temple University School of Dentistry - \$250,000
- General Practice Residents Support - \$148,000
- Tuition assistance - \$27,500
- SLRP - \$90,000

Fiscal Year 2016 – In Senate Bill 225, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, funding was appropriated to DHSS for DIDER in the amount of \$456,300, as tuition assistance was eliminated, and SLRP funding was reduced.

- Temple University School of Dentistry - \$250,000
- General Practice Residents Support - \$148,000
- SLRP - \$58,300

Fiscal Year 2017 – Funding for DIDER was not included in Senate Bill 285, which allocates General Funds to DHSS. However, funding was allocated to DIDER through Senate Bill 295, which makes appropriations for certain grants-in-aid for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. DIDER was allocated a total amount of \$180,000, reducing the amount awarded to Temple University, and eliminating funds for resident support. SLRP funding was also reduced to the amount to honor FY 2017 contracts only.

- Temple University School of Dentistry - \$162,500
- SLRP - \$17,500

Budget Appropriation for DIDER, FY15 - FY17

Fiscal Year	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Source	General Fund	General Fund	Grants-in-Aid*
Temple University	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$162,500
General Practice Resident Support	\$148,000	\$148,000	\$0
Loan Repayment	\$90,000	\$58,300	\$17,500
Tuition Assistance	\$27,500	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$515,500	\$456,300	\$180,000
# of Entering Students	4	3	4
* FY 2017 funding was allocated to DIDER by the Dept. of Insurance Captive Insurance Fund			