University of Arizona Health Sciences and the State of Arizona Partner to Tackle the PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE

The University of Arizona Primary Care Scholarship Program was established to help address the urgent need for primary care physicians (PCPs) across the state by covering the tuition associated with medical education for students who commit to practice primary care in a rural or urban underserved community in Arizona.

**ARIZONA FACES A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE**

- **44TH** Of all 50 states, Arizona ranks No. 44 in active PCPs per capita
- **575+** PCPs needed across Arizona to eliminate current shortages
- **4TH** Fastest growing state
- **1,900+** PCPs needed statewide by the year 2030
- **OVER 1/4** Of rural Arizona PCPs plan to retire in the next five years

**HOW UARIZONA IS ADDRESSING THE URGENT NEED FOR PCPS**

- One of a handful of states to provide funding to address the PCP shortage in partnership with the state
- **$8 MILLION COMMITTED** from the legislature to support scholarship and related initiatives
- **College of Medicine – Phoenix** is increasing its class size from 80 to 100 students
- Medical school graduates who are trained in Arizona are likely to stay in Arizona
- Better access to health care equals healthier populace and reduced health care costs

**ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA PRIMARY CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

- **2019** Established by the Arizona Legislature
- **100** Approximate number of the student body across both colleges who could eventually receive a scholarship
- **850+** Medical students currently eligible to apply
- For each year students are enrolled in the medical doctorate program and continue to satisfy the terms of the agreement, they will receive a scholarship