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POLICY STATEMENT

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Scholarly Sabbatical Leave for Emergency Medicine Faculty

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Self-directed and lifelong learning is essential to the acquisition of new knowledge, skills, and ideas among academic emergency medicine faculty. A period of scholarly sabbatical leave may facilitate such learning. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) believes that:

- Applicants for a sabbatical leave should have seven or more years of post-residency practice.
- Eligible applicants should have evidence of scholarly accomplishment in at least one of these areas: patient care, teaching, research, or administration.
- The department chair, applicant, and institutional and departmental leadership should mutually determine the length of the sabbatical leave. In general, the sabbatical should not be less than two months or longer than 12 months in duration.
- The department chair, applicant, and institutional and departmental leadership should mutually determine financial support. Specific consideration should be given to salary support for the applicant and support for the department to ensure appropriate maintenance of departmental integrity for the duration of the sabbatical.