Guide to Accommodations for Medical Students

Students who may need accommodations or services due to a learning disability or physical limitation should contact Emily Green, Director of Student Development, to discuss your needs and begin the registration process. Requests for accommodations and services are evaluated individually, based on documentation and completion of the registration process.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, an individual with a disability is defined as a person who “has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such an individual; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having impairment.” Emily Green is available to meet before the academic year begins or during the school year with any student who may be concerned about whether or not s/he has a disability and wishes to have an evaluation or additional information to assist them.

Accommodations are made which are suitable and reasonable for each individual situation. In conjunction with our Learning Specialist, Emily Green will work closely with students to determine reasonable accommodations after a review of documentation and completion of the registration process.

Services provided include but are not limited to:

- Academic, personal and career advising
- Examination modifications as necessary (e.g. additional time or quiet room)
- Text books in alternate format (e.g. book scanning or E-books)
- Access to tutors
- Referral to off-campus neuro-psychological services for diagnosis
- Referral to University disability support services (Catherine Axe, Director)

While AMS faculty and administration will assist students with disabilities with many tasks, it is up to students to take the initiative and remain actively involved in the accommodation process. If there are concerns about this process, or advice is needed in coming to a decision as to whether to seek accommodations, students are encouraged to call or make an appointment for a confidential review of the options available to them. Should students then prefer not to self-identify, that decision will be understood, respected, and supported.

To register, students must:
- Contact Emily Green by email at Emily.Green@brown.edu or by telephone at (401) 863-9139.
- Complete the Student Accommodation Services Request form.
- Submit current and complete documentation of a disability.
- Meet with Emily Green to discuss services and determine reasonable accommodations.

Brown University neither imposes accommodations on students nor pre-empts their responsibility to disclose and define their disability and their need for accommodation. Self-identifying a disability and asking for accommodation are personal decisions. All information is kept strictly confidential.