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September 11, 2024

**IN RESPONSE, PLEASE REFER TO: 03222223**

**Sent by email only to:** [REDACTED]

Dr. Mark J. Perry

Dear Dr. Perry,

This is to notify you of the resolution of the complaint you filed on August 31, 2022, with the U.S. Department of Education (the Department), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), against the University of Maryland (the University). You allege that the University discriminates on the basis of race, color and national origin, specifically because the School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry advertises and promotes a scholarship, namely the Scholarship Program for Visiting Medical Students Underrepresented in Medicine (the Scholarship), which is exclusive to students of specified races and national origins.

OCR enforces Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 100, which prohibit discrimination on the bases of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department. Because the University receives Federal financial assistance from the Department, OCR has jurisdiction over it pursuant to Title VI.

OCR will dismiss an allegation pursuant to Section 110(d) of OCR's *Case Processing Manual* when OCR obtains credible information indicating that the allegation has been resolved. On August 26, 2024, the University notified OCR that the Scholarship is no longer offered by the University and it is no longer listed on its website. Based on this information, OCR has determined that the allegation is resolved, and we are dismissing it in accordance with Section 110(d) of the CPM.

This letter sets forth OCR's determination in an individual OCR case and should not be interpreted to address the University's compliance with any other regulatory provisions or to address any issues other than those addressed in this letter. This letter is not a formal statement of OCR policy and should not be relied upon, cited, or construed as such. OCR's formal policy statements are approved by a duly authorized OCR official and made available to the public. The complainant may have the right to file a private suit in court whether or not OCR finds a violation.

Please be advised that the University may not harass, coerce, intimidate, or discriminate against any individual because he or she has filed a complaint or participated in the complaint resolution process. If this happens, the complainant may file another complaint alleging such treatment.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, it may be necessary to release this document and related correspondence and records upon request. In the event that OCR receives such a request, we will seek to protect, to the extent provided by law, personally identifiable information, which, if released, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Branigan at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Craig D. Ginsburg  
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Philadelphia Office