

Title:	DMSS Lounge Booking & Usage Policy
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### 1. Policy Statement

The Faculty of Medicine seeks to provide a venue for medical students, graduate students, staff and faculty to interact in a casual atmosphere in an environment that is safe for persons and property.

The Faculty of Medicine entrusts the Dalhousie Medical Students' Society (DMSS) to operate and manage the Dalhousie Medical Student Society Lounge located in 2L-B5 2nd floor of the Tupper Link for the use by medical students, graduate students, staff and faculty.

### 2. Purpose of Policy

This policy has been developed to provide information on booking procedures, associated costs and other relevant university policies.

### 3. User Accountability

Users are responsible for the facilities and its contents (furniture, refrigerators, supplies, etc.), and are expected to treat the lounge with respect. Users are expected to treat the lounge similar to a public lounge. The lounge and its contents should be left in the same condition and configuration in which they were found. Users will be charged for any damages to the lounge and its contents, cleaning fees and loss of or damage to equipment.

The lounge is not to be used for storage. Items left in the lounge will be removed and donated. Should students require storage for activities related to the DMSS, appropriate storage should be organized with the DMSS Lounge Manager.

Much like the lounge itself, lounge refrigerators are shared and need to be treated with respect. Leftover food from student events should be discarded if not clearly dated and labelled. Food and/or containers left in the lounge for long periods will be discarded or donated.

A licensed bartender must be hired for any event where alcohol is being served. For information on how to schedule a licensed bartender or procedures to train your own bartender contact the Lounge Manager.

Maximum occupancy of the DMSS Lounge is eight-five (85) persons. Due to the building code regulations events with over 85 persons cannot be scheduled in the DMSS Lounge.

The Dean of Medicine in consultation with the DMSS reserves the right to revoke and/or suspend lounge use privileges to users. Outside groups cannot book the lounge the week before exams as students utilize the lounge as a study area. Where possible the Lounge should not be booked between the hours of 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Monday to Friday as this would interfere with the student use of the lounge.

#### 4. Booking Procedures

To reserve the Dalhousie Medical Students' Society (DMSS) Lounge:

- Complete a DMSS Dal Med Events Form, the link to and content of which is located at the end of this document, and submit to the VP Communications.
- The VP Communications will receive the request and verify that there are no booking conflicts/outstanding issues. The VP Communications will proceed to make the Lounge reservation via <https://meditbookings.med.dal.ca/virtualems>.
- Once the reservation is completed, the VP Communications will send a confirmatory email via [dmss@dal.ca](mailto:dmss@dal.ca) to the booking's requestor, as well as Building Services, and the DMSS Lounge Manager if bar services have been requested. Events requesting bar services must be submitted with at least two weeks' advance notice.
- Medical student events serving alcohol where 20 or more students are expected, with the exception of Lifestyles in Medicine Nights, will have a Dalhousie Security Officer hired and custodial services scheduled after the event.
- Medical student events serving a large amount of food/drink will schedule custodial services.
- The Building Services Office will coordinate security and custodial services and cover the cost of such services under a Dean's account.

#### 5. Fees

The Tupper Building Services Office will communicate to the requestor any fees to cover custodial services and/or security services if required. The Dean's Office will cover the cost for medical student events for Custodial Services and Security Services. Charges will apply to other groups who are approved to use the space.

#### 6. Related Policy Documents

All users are responsible for the adhering to all relevant Dalhousie University policies and regulations, including the following:

University Alcohol Policy, Dalhousie University:

[https://www.dal.ca/dept/university\\_secretariat/policies/health-and-safety/alcohol-policy-.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/health-and-safety/alcohol-policy-.html)

Student Code of Conduct:

[https://www.dal.ca/dept/university\\_secretariat/policies/student-life/code-of-student-conduct.html](https://www.dal.ca/dept/university_secretariat/policies/student-life/code-of-student-conduct.html)

#### 7. Services available for students:

Peer Health / Peer Health Alcohol Responsibility Program	902-494-6830
Dalhousie Bar Services – Student Union Building	902-494-6891
Counseling Services – Student Union Building	902-494-2081
Student Health & Wellness Services	902-494-2171
University Emergency	902-494-4109

**Medical Student Lounge**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> floor Link Building**  
**Faculty of Medicine**  
**(capacity 85 persons)**  
**Alcohol Events**

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All events in the Medical Student Lounge that serve alcohol must not extend beyond 10:00 pm on any evening with last call at 9:15 pm and participants leaving the building no later than 10:00 pm.

Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted in the lounge unless arrangements for a Special Occasion License are made through Dalhousie Bar Services in accordance with the legal requirements of the Liquor Control Act of N.S. Bar Services can be reached at 902-494-6891 or [bar.services@dal.ca](mailto:bar.services@dal.ca)

The person(s) whose name(s) appear on the Special Occasion License referred to as the function coordinator must be in attendance and be in control of the event. The function coordinator and those acting as bar staff for the event, must have taken the ServeRight Program at the beginning of the current academic year or have other formal training approved by Bar Services.

Only bar staff may serve alcohol. Patrons are not permitted to bring their own beverages.

Non-alcoholic beverage choices must be available at all functions.

Alcohol is not permitted outside of the Lounge.

Exterior building doors must not be propped open at any time, for any reason

After the event the lounge must be left in good condition.

Failure to abide by these rules may result in suspension of the License privileges and/or suspension of lounge use privilege for similar events.

**TIGER PATROL**

Dalhousie University offers Tiger Patrol which is a free shuttle available to all students, faculty and staff of Dalhousie University.

**Hours of operation**

- 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. each day, during the academic year.
- Just show your DalCard and hop in.
- **Route information and questions:** Call 902-499-1831 or 902-718-9908.

<http://www.dal.ca/dept/facilities/services/security-services/tigerpatrol.html>

If you must walk home after the event, participants are encouraged to walk with others as there is safety in numbers.

## DMSS Dal Med Events Form

Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1WKcY3Hc7UabfOT0soKhmGtlLUZr8HU1oYVWHCm42PjY/edit>

### **Content (Specific to Lounge bookings)**

Group hosting the event: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your event: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the event:

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Proposed date of the event: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed time of your event: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated attendance for the event: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate date for your event: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be serving alcohol at your event? \_\_\_\_\_

If serving alcohol, will it be beer or beer, wine and spirits? \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Events serving alcohol must have last call at 9:15 pm with the event ending at 10:00 pm.  
\*\* Bookings with more than 85 participants will be refused as this number exceeds the maximum number of occupants allowed under the National Building Code.  
\*\*\* If alcohol is served during the event the requestor must follow the University Alcohol Policy. The requestor must contact Dalhousie Bar Services at 902-494-6891 for information to serve alcohol.