

## Compact Between Medical Students and Their Research Mentors

Medical student research training under the supervision of one or more investigators who are qualified to fulfill the responsibilities of a mentor. A positive mentoring relationship between the student and the research advisor is a vital component of the student's preparation as a physician-researcher.

### Commitments of Research Mentors

- I will be committed to the mentoring of the medical student. I will be committed to the education and training of the medical student as a future member of the scientific community.
- I will be committed to the research project of the medical student. I will help to plan and direct the student's project, set reasonable and attainable goals, and establish a timeline for completion of the project.
- I will be committed to meeting one-on-one with the student on a regular basis. I will provide for every student under my supervision an environment that is intellectually stimulating, emotionally supportive, safe, and free of harassment.
- I will be committed to providing laboratory resources for the student as appropriate or according to my institution's guidelines, in order for him/her to conduct research.
- I will expect the student to share common laboratory responsibilities, utilize resources carefully, frugally.
- I will not require the student to perform tasks that are unrelated to his/her training program and professional development.
- I will discuss authorship policies regarding papers with the student. I will acknowledge the student's scientific contributions to the work in my laboratory, and I will work with the student to publish his/her work in a timely manner prior.
- I will discuss intellectual policy issues with the student with regard to disclosure, patent rights and publishing research discoveries.
- I will encourage the student to attend scientific/professional meetings and make an effort to secure and facilitate funding for such activities. I will help the student prepare a poster representing his/her research results performed under my supervision for the Annual MDSR Research Symposium.
- I will complete the midpoint survey by the date outlined in MDSR scholarship requirements.
- I will make every effort to attend the Annual MDSR Orientation Kickoff event, ([see MDSR calendar of events](#)). And I will ensure my student attends even if I cannot.
- I will provide career advice. I will provide honest letters of recommendation for his/her next phase of professional development. I will also be accessible to give advice and feedback on career goals.
- I expect the medical student research trainee to exhibit professional behavior and conduct research in keeping with the principles and guidelines of professionalism as described in the **OSU College of Medicine's Policy on Professional Behavior**.
- Throughout the student's time in my laboratory, I will be supportive, equitable, accessible, encouraging, and respectful. I will foster the student's professional confidence and encourage critical thinking, and creativity.

**Research Mentor Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Research Mentor PRINTED Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Student PRINTED Name** \_\_\_\_\_