

Medical Student Research Commitment Compact

Medical student research training under the supervision of one or more COM Faculty 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 Medical Students

- I will attend the mandatory MDSRS kickoff event, complete the midpoint and final evaluation survey, submit a final report to the MDSR program office and present my research findings by poster at the Annual Medical Student Research Symposium. [See MDSR calendar of events for exact dates and times.](#)
- I acknowledge that I have the primary responsibility for the successful completion of my research project. While engaged in research I will maintain a high level of professionalism, self-motivation, engagement, scientific curiosity, and ethical standards.
- I will meet regularly with my research advisor and provide him/her with updates on the progress and results of my activities and experiments. I will strive to meet established deadlines. I will be responsive to advice and constructive criticism.
- I will attend and actively participate as a team member in laboratory meetings, seminars and journal clubs while a member of the research laboratory.
- I will comply with all institutional policies. I will comply with both the letter and spirit of all institutional safe laboratory practices and animal-use and human-research policies at my institution.
- I will be a good lab citizen. I will agree to take part in shared laboratory responsibilities and will use laboratory resources carefully and frugally. I will maintain a safe and clean laboratory space. I will be respectful of, tolerant of, and work collegially with all laboratory personnel.
- I will maintain a detailed, organized, and accurate laboratory notebook. I am aware that my original notebooks and all tangible research data are the property of my laboratory.
- I will discuss policies on work hours, sick leave and vacation with my research advisor. I will consult with my advisor and notify fellow lab members in advance of any planned absences.
- I will discuss policies on authorship and attendance at professional meetings with my research mentor. I will work with my mentor to submit all relevant research results that are ready for publication in a timely manner. I will prepare an abstract and poster of my research for the Medical Student Research Symposium.

Medical Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Medical Student PRINTED Name _____