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Student Research Eligibility Policy

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LCME Standards
3.2 Community of Scholars/Research Opportunities
7.3 Scientific Method/Clinical/Translational Research

Scope
University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine Greenville students

Policy Statement
Medical student research opportunities at USC School of Medicine Greenville reflect the diverse interests of the students entering our school and align with national priorities in meeting the complex health needs of the population. Students may participate in select areas of bench research; however, 80% of projects address research questions related to the health delivery system and investigate care innovations to meet this challenge in a dynamic clinical and policy environment.

Projects can be short-term (approximately 6-8 weeks), or students may have the opportunity to work on projects longitudinally and continue research work even through residency. A select number of projects may be funded based on availability of resources.

Reason for Policy
The purpose of this policy is to provide USC School of Medicine Greenville students clarity on institutional expectations for research.

Procedures
Because USC School of Medicine Greenville does not have a research requirement within the curriculum, dedicated time for research activities is not provided. The primary focus for students at USC School of Medicine Greenville is their required coursework.

Medical Students may not pursue research activities without meeting the following eligibility criteria:

- Must have completed one semester at USC School of Medicine Greenville;

- Must remain in good academic standing, maintaining an 80% cumulative average;
- Must remain in good professional standing in both class and research work;
- Must be actively working with a research mentor;
- Must remain in compliance with regulatory requirements.

**Sanctions**
Student may not be able to conduct research during matriculation at USC School of Medicine Greenville.

**Additional Contacts**
Director of Medical Student Research  
Medical Student Research Coordinator

**Related Information**
USC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook  
USCSOMG – ACAF – 3.00 - Academic Workload and Duty Hours

**History**
- Date of Change: 07/01/2018 (effective date)
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