



## Policy Title

Student Research Eligibility

## Identifier

UofSCSOMG – RSCH – 1.01

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## LCME Standards

3.2 Community of Scholars/Research Opportunities

## Scope

University of South Carolina (UofSC) School of Medicine Greenville students

## Policy Statement

Medical student research opportunities at UofSC School of Medicine Greenville reflect the diverse interests of the faculty and align with national priorities to study and improve the health of the people of the United States, especially of those living in South Carolina. Research is a valuable component of one's medical education and augments the student's ability to develop and test a hypothesis within a dynamic clinical and policy environment in an effort to continually advance health and cure disease.

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. Communication regarding opportunities and the processes surrounding student research will take place via email and/or through the Student Research Canvas page.

## Reason for Policy

A medical education program is conducted in an environment that fosters the intellectual challenge and spirit of inquiry appropriate to a community of scholars and provides sufficient opportunities, encouragement, and support for medical student participation in the research and other scholarly activities of its faculty.

## Procedures

Because UofSC 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 UofSC School of Medicine Greenville is their required coursework.**

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

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

- Must be in good standing per the [Good Standing](#) policy
- Must remain in good professional standing;
- Must be actively working with a research mentor that holds a M.D., Ph.D., DrPH or equivalent credentials;
- Must remain in compliance with regulatory requirements;

A student who is not considered to be in good standing per the [Good Standing](#) policy will not be allowed to begin or continue research until successfully remediating. Students on LOA for academic difficulty may participate in research at the discretion of the Director for Student Research in collaboration with Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

Students who fall outside of the stated criteria will be required to defer any efforts on research projects until they meet eligibility standards again. The Director of Medical Student Research will notify the student of their change in eligibility. Students who desire relief from or deviation to the eligibility policy should meet with the Director of Medical Student Research to initiate a dialogue. A final decision regarding the petition to waive or modify student eligibility will be made by the Director of Medical Student Research following consultation with the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions, and the Associate Dean for Curriculum.

Requests to pursue research activities while on a leave of absence from UofSC School of Medicine Greenville will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students are not covered by Liability Insurance while on a leave of absence. Students on a leave of absence who have purchased health insurance through the school-sponsored program are permitted to keep the insurance through the end of the coverage period.

## Sanctions

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

## Contacts

Director of Medical Student Research  
 Medical Student Research Coordinator

## Related Information

UofSC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook  
 UofSCSOMG – ACAF– 2.02 – Good Standing  
 UofSCSOMG – ACAF – 3.00 – Academic Workload and Duty Hours  
 UofSCSOMG – ACAF – 4.02 – Leave of Absence and Withdrawal Policy

## History

Date of Change	Change
June 2022	Updated eligibility to be in accordance with Good Standing policy
March 2020	Updated eligibility criteria to include successfully pass all graded activities/components in place of maintaining 80% cumulative weighted average or above on all graded activities. Updated language regarding coverage during a Leave of Absence.
June 2019	Added appeal process to eligibility criteria and editorial changes made due to branding updates and titles.
December 2018	Clarification of text, LCME CQI

