

Pre-Accreditation Element 8.4: Student Research Policy

XAVIER UNIVERSITY College of Osteopathic Medicine Student Research Policy

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Responsible College Officer: Dean of XUCOM; Senior Associate Deane; Academic Affairs

Scope: COM Administration

Distribution List: XUCOM ;Website

A. PURPOSE

As part of a holistic preparation to become a leader in evidence-based health care provision, COM students should be supported and trained in safe and effective conduct of research and scholarly activities.

B. POLICY

Element 8.4 of the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) *New and Developing Accreditation Standards* (effective September 26, 2023; edited October 1, 2024) requires that a COM publish and follow policies and procedures to support student driven research and scholarly activity, as well as student participation in the research and scholarly activities of the faculty at all campus locations.

C. DEFINITIONS / ABBREVIATIONS

COM: College of Osteopathic Medicine

COCA: Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation

DO: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

SPC: Student Progress Committee

XU: Xavier University

XUCOM: Xavier University College of Osteopathic Medicine

D. PROCEDURE / PROTOCOL

1. Establishment of eligibility to conduct research:

Students wishing to conduct research must be making satisfactory progress through the DO curriculum as defined in the XU and XUCOM Student Handbook.

2. Mechanisms by which research may be conducted:

Research must be conducted under one of the mechanisms established by XUCOM and its Office of Research. These mechanisms are:

- a) Mentored or Summer Student Research Program and/or similar Student Research

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Programs

b) Research Selective Track

c) Research Rotation

Complete descriptions of each mechanism including eligibility requirements, expectations of participants, and application timelines may be obtained by contacting the XUCOM Office of Research.

3. Required Training

a) Prior to beginning research, students must complete safety and compliance training, including Training in Responsible Conduct of Research, Human Subjects Research, Data Security, and Conflict of Interest will be conducted through CITI (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative) modules incorporated as graded components within the COM curriculum.

b) The exact nature of the training varies by research activity and is determined by the Office of Research.

E. EXHIBITS

XUCOM Catalog
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F. RELATED POLICY/POLICIES

Responsible Conduct of Research
Conflict of Interest
Research Misconduct

G. REVIEW SCHEDULING

Annually (before June 30th)

Involved Parties: XUCOM Dean; XUCOM Dean's Council; Admissions Committee

This Policy may be reviewed and changes made at any time.

Approval/Dean's Signature

Date

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