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| **Intent to Apply for MD with Distinction in Research** |
| **Due Date** | September 1 of MS3 year |
| **Description** | The distinction acknowledges medical students who demonstrate a dedicated commitment to enriching their medical education with independent research while maintaining high academic standards during medical school.  |
| **Requirements** | * Maintain minimum GPA of 3.25 throughout medical school
* Mentor must be a UTHSCSA faculty member
* Complete at least one research elective course (INTD 4210, 4211, or 4212)
* Complete an intent to apply form by September 1 of MS3 year (exceptions for late application in extenuating circumstances will be considered)
* Present a poster at Medical Student Research Day during medical school
* Document at least 640 hours of research activity during medical school (including work completed during breaks and as research elective hours)
* Produce a scientific manuscript based on the student's research suitable for a peer-reviewed journal
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| **Student Name** |  |
| **MS Class** |  | **Email Address**  |  |
| **Mentor Name/****Department**  |  | **Email Address (if multiple, provide primary for communications)** |  |
| **Project Title** |  |
| **Specific Aims** | *Concisely state the goals of the proposed research and summarize the expected outcome(s).* |
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| **Research****Strategy** | ***SIGNIFICANCE:*** *Explain the importance of the problem that this project addresses as well as how the proposed project will improve scientific knowledge and/or clinical practice.* |
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| ***INNOVATION:*** *Explain how the application challenges or adds to current research or clinical practice paradigms. Describe any novel methods, instrumentation or interventions to be used, and any advantage over existing methods, instrumentation or interventions.* |
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| ***APPROACH:*** *Describe the overall strategy, study design, study conditions (e.g., treatments/interventions), method for gathering data, sampling strategy and sample size, and data analysis.*  |
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| **Supervision** | *Due to the nature of the MD with Distinction in Research requirements, your active mentorship and engagement is extremely important. By signing below, you agree to mentor the student’s research project. This entails the requirements described above including a scientific manuscript suitable for submission for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.* |
| **Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Mentor Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |