Information for Supervisors: Medical Student ‘Extended Research’

Extended Research refers to a wide range of extra-curricular / volunteer research opportunities suitable for all medical students with an interest in doing some research during their medical program.

The Extended Research option is ideal for students who don't want to take on a Research Higher Degree (MPhil or PhD) alongside their medical program. It is a more flexible option and with careful planning can work around their full-time MD curriculum.

Although the student is a volunteer and will receive no payment for their efforts, thanks to the generous time and support from research supervisors, the vast majority of students gain tremendous advantage from their experience.

All medical students can do Extended Research at any time during their medical program. However students are urged to remember that the MD is the priority. It is strongly suggested that Year 1 students wait until at least semester 2 to get involved in, and commit to a research project. Their priority must be their MD degree.

**Note:** There is no dedicated time out of the medical program to devote to extracurricular / volunteer research work. All students must fulfil all the normal requirements of the medical program.

Please be sure that the project you and your volunteer student agree on has some research output. Examples are: co-authorship on an abstract for a conference, a journal publication, research report, or literature review etc.

**Reminders for Students**

- Please be sure that your student Register their research project on the Medical Student Research Portal. It is very important they do this so the Medical Program can acknowledge them for their research activity when they graduate, and you for your support and guidance.

- Please remind your student to complete the Student Volunteer Research Insurance Form before they begin working on their project. This is also done on the For Students page of the Portal.

- Maintain communication – Medical students have many responsibilities and at times will be unavailable to do much research. However, one of their responsibilities is to maintain communication with you regarding their project at all times. You are encouraged to set up appropriate mutual expectations regarding communication throughout the project’s timeframe.

If you have any questions or feedback please contact studentresearch@uq.edu.au

*If you have any comments of a more personal nature please feel free to contact A/Prof Di Eley at d.eley@uq.edu.au*

For all details see [https://medicine-program.uq.edu.au/research/research-your-medical-degree](https://medicine-program.uq.edu.au/research/research-your-medical-degree)