

College of Osteopathic Medicine

Element 8.2: Student Research Policy



Sam Houston State University



1. GENERAL

The SHSU-COM shall develop research programs for students and faculty that are appropriate to the institution's mission, size and stage of development.

2. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

2.01. Scholarly activity of both faculty, staff, and students shall focus on all areas of health-related research, including but not limited to:

- clinical
- community-engaged research
- epidemiology
- global/international health
- medical education
- medical humanities and socially-engaged medicine
- public health

2.02. Dedicated facilities for research shall include a fully equipped biomedical lab space.

2.03. Each academic year, a set number of internal grant awards for approved student and faculty projects shall be provided.

2.04. Each full-time COM faculty shall receive up to \$3,000 each fiscal year to attend scientific meetings approved in advance by the COM.

3. RESEARCH SUPPORT AND OVERSIGHT

The Research Advisory Council (RAC) shall advise the Dean about research policies and the allocation of research resources.

3.01. The RAC is comprised of five ex-officio members and six appointed members including two COM faculty members, two students, a GME representative and a community member.

3.02. The primary goal of the RAC is to support faculty, staff, and student participation in research and contributions to scholarship.

3.03. The SHSU-COM RAC serves its mission through a range of initiatives that support student-driven research and scholarly activity, as well as student participation in research and scholarly activities of the faculty.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Providing guidance on all matters related to scholarly activity at the COM
- Collaborating with the SHSU Office for Research and Sponsored Programs and

Graduate Studies

- Studies with the aim to promote and advance scholarly activities and processes in support of the COM Mission
- Working collaboratively with the SHSU Grants Office to review and approve COM Grants
- Approving students' scholarly projects
- Overseeing the planning of scholarly events
- Nominating candidates for research awards
- Reviewing letters of intent for requests for proposals, and
- Providing advice and guidance to the Dean on programs and projects that enhance the scholarly environment

Procedure Title: Research and Scholarship

Effective: Upon Receiving Pre-Accreditation Status
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Corresponding Policy: SHSU-COM Research and Scholarly Activities Policy

COCA Standard/Element: 8.1 - Research and Scholarly Activity; 8.2 – Student Participation

Description:

SHSU-COM and SHSU shall assure the resources and organization needed to advance knowledge through research and scholarly contributions.

| Procedure Step/Task | | Responsible Party |
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| 1. | SHSU-COM shall institute initiatives to encourage and support the conduct of research and scholarly production. Initiatives shall be in alignment with the mission of the TSUS, SHSU, and SHSU-COM. Such initiatives shall include collaboration across the university. | Department Chairs, SHSU Associate VP for Research and Sponsored Programs |
| 2. | Research faculty shall be identified within SHSU-COM and SHSU and shall be allocated sufficient time to participate in research activities. | Department Chairs, SHSU-COM Dean's Office |
| 3. | SHSU-COM shall designate in its annual budget support funding for its research initiatives. | SHSU-COM Dean |
| 4. | SHSU-COM shall provide ongoing training and mentorship for faculty, students and residents in the development and conduct of a research program. | Department Chairs, Associate Dean for Educational Affairs, SHSU ORSP |
| 5. | SHSU-COM shall coordinate its efforts within SHSU and advocate for the provision of sufficient supporting resources to sustain the research effort. | SHSU-COM Dean, SHSU Provost, SHSU Associate VP for Research and Sponsored Programs |
| 6. | SHSU-COM shall monitor satisfaction of the research initiative through designated metrics including, but not limited to: applications for funding, receipt of extramural awards, and publication of scholarly work. | SHSU-COM Dean, SHSU Associate VP for Research and Sponsored Programs |
| 7. | SHSU-COM shall review the research efforts and accomplishments of the faculty and students at least annually and make modifications to its strategic plan and initiatives as needed. | SHSU-COM Executive Committee |