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| **Intent to Apply for the MD with Distinction in Research** |
| **Due Date** | September 1 of MS4 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** | * Minimum “High Pass” GPA throughout medical school
* Research mentor must be a UTHSCSA faculty member
* Complete at least one Medical Student Research Elective course (INTD 4210, 4211, or 4212)
* Complete ELEC 5059: Intro to Research Study Design during MS1 or MS2 year
* Submit the “Intent to Apply” form by September 1 of MS4 year
* Present a research poster at a conference or symposium (UTHSCSA, local, or national)
* Document at least 250 hours of research activity during medical school
* Produce and submit to the Student Research Committee a capstone presentation and reflective summary
* Complete all requirements and submit the completed application packet by December 1 of MS4
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| **Student Name** |  |
| **MS Class** |  | **Email Address**  |  |
| **Mentor Name/****Department**  |  | **Email Address** |  |
| **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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| **Mentor Agreement** | *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.* |
| **Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Mentor Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |