

New advice on including a medical student in your research

Alongside the new MD curriculum which commenced in 2023, is a new research curriculum for Year 1 (Y1) MD students. This page outlines new and existing student research options.

NEW in 2023: MD Y1 Students ONLY

- **February to June:** All Y1 students were strongly **advised not to commit to or engage in** any research project or activity. This allows them to settle into the MD and make a good start.
- **June to November:** Students are still advised against committing to any research. Instead, we **encourage them to begin exploring research projects and contacting possible research supervisors**. At the halfway point of year 1 we **have introduced an option called 'Head Start' for those Y1 students interested in research**.
- The **Head Start** option encourages Y1 students to start searching for a supervisor and project to begin when they finish their first year. This holds them back from committing too early to research that may not fit with their workload. And it allows you time to decide on the right student for you.
 - If you have already identified a suitable student to be involved in your research in 2024 i.e. next year – we suggest they begin with a literature review until they finish year one.

NEW in 2023-2024: Self-guided Research for MD Y1 and Y2 students in the new curriculum. Going forward in the new curriculum is a flexible and student self-guided format for undertaking research where you and your student agree on the learning objectives and goals.

- While there is no strict limit to the number of hours a student may spend on your project, the MD must remain their priority. Please discuss this with your student.
- A registration form will confirm your supervision and student milestones and outcomes.

Summer Research 2023/24: Between Nov 2023 and Feb 2024, MD Y1 and Y2 students have several weeks holiday to work on a project - *if they choose*. Because this option is outside the official MD teaching period, it is considered extra-curricular and the mandatory process for undertaking Extra-curricular Research must be followed as usual via the **Student Research Portal**.

- **Please Note:** *There is no UQ scholarship or stipend attached to this option. The previous UQ summer scholarship program has ended for MD students. If you have funding for an RA over the summer, it would be worth advertising that and specifying the skills needed for your project.*

What is happening with research in the current MD program? NO CHANGE.

NO CHANGE to: MD Y2 Elective MEDI7281 "Foundations of Medical Research": A16-week block in the second half of Year 2 with timetabled research per week. It is most suited to novice students and flexible projects. Details: [MEDI7281: Foundations of Medical Research](#)

NO CHANGE to: Extra-curricular Research for MD Y2, 3 & 4 students in the previous curriculum. All details on Extra-curricular Research are on the [Student Research Portal](#).

NO CHANGE to: The Clinician Scientist Track: MD-PhD and MD-MPhil: Eligible students commence the PhD or MPhil after completing Y2. Details here: [Clinician Scientist Track: MD-PhD](#)

NEW: How to advertise your projects

- We are transitioning to a new submission form for advertising student research projects.
- If you currently have a project listed on the Portal's 'Find a Project' database, please transfer the project details into the new form before December 2023.
- Clear navigation to the **Student Project Submission Form** will be provided on the [Student Research Portal](#).

The [Student Research Portal](#) is being updated to accommodate these new additions.

If you have any questions about anything to do with medical student research, please contact Di Eley d.eley@uq.edu.au or studentresearch@uq.edu.au at any time.