Medical Student Research Scholarship Checklist
Guideline for
Identifying a Research Mentor and Project
Before meeting with your mentor:

☐ Check the medical student research program website for listings of informational and training events, research opportunities and previously funded projects, review external research funding opportunities—all available at https://casemed.case.edu/msr/

☐ Prepare CV outlining your interest/motivation in pursuing research and prior research experience, research skills, presentations, publications etc

https://case.edu/medicine/sites/case.edu.medicine/files/2019-02/CV%20Template%202.1.pdf

☐ Determine your time commitment to the research project

☐ Determine if you are willing/able to pursue this project if funding is not available

☐ Determine if you might be interested in continuing the research for a longer time period

☐ Review Mentor and Mentee Compact agreement

☐ Contact potential mentors (or their lab contact)

☐ Research your potential mentor's publications

When meeting with your mentor:

☐ Provide your CV and discuss research goals and prior experience, if any

☐ Convey your time commitment to the research project

☐ Convey whether or not your participation in research is contingent upon availability of funding

☐ Determine if the project you would be working on already has IRB approval. If not, will approval be obtained before you start on the project or will you need to submit an IRB.

☐ Consider asking potential mentor if you could attend a lab meeting to meet the other lab members, hear about ongoing research etc

☐ Ask your mentor what professional societies or foundations relevant to their field offers medical student mentored research grants which could potentially fund your stipend to pursue research with them.

☐ Determine the categories of research you will be involved in and what category of research it is (see next page).

Categorization of Proposed Research

How would you categorize your research? Basic Clinical Translational Quality Improvement

Please choose up to three specific areas of emphasis from the list of categories. Please rank them in order of significance from 1-3.

Cancer Biology & Clinical Cancer Research		**Basic and Applied Research in Inflammation, Infection & Immunology**	
	Cancer Biology		Microbial Pathogenesis
	Cancer Genetics		Immunology
	Cancer Therapy		Critical Care
	Other		Autoimmunity
Molecular Biology, Genetics, & Therapeutics			Transplantation
	Molecular Pharmacology, Pharmacogenomics and Pharmacotherapeutics		Infectious Disease
	Molecular Genetics		Wound Healing
	Molecular Virology and Gene Therapy		Tissue Repair and Regeneration
	RNA biology		Other
	Other	**Neuroscience, Psychological, & Musculoskeletal**	
Biomedical Informatics/Health Care Ed., Delivery, Organization/ Research Ethics			Neuroscience
	Biomedical Informatics		Neurologic Disorders
	Radiology and Imaging Research		Musculoskeletal Disorders
	Applied Medical Informatics		Psychological Disorders
	Quality Improvement		Other
	Health System Administration/Management	**Cell Biology and Organ Specific Disorders**	
	Medical Education		Cells, Organ Systems & Integrative Biology
	Public Health Research		Heart Disease
	Other		Eye Disease
Research in Special Populations			Endocrine Disorders
	Aging		Kidney Disease
	Anesthesia/Surgery		Liver Disease
	Pediatrics/Adolescence		Lung Disease
	Research to improve Women's Health		Pancreatic Disorders
	Nutrition/Obesity		Vascular Disease
	Other		Skin Disease
Community Research			Other Organ Specific Disorders
	Emergency Medicine	**If your research does not fit exactly into any of these categories, please choose the category it matches most closely.**	
	Recovery & Rehabilitation		
	Trauma		
	Other		