

Geisel Medical Student Research Support

From First Contact with the Office of Medical Student Research (OMSR) to an Active Research Project

STUDENT CONNECTS WITH THE OFFICE OF MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH (OMSR)



**Visit the OMSR (Remsen 230, Hanover campus) or email
Medical.Student.Research@dartmouth.edu**

Meet the Program Manager for Medical Student Research (Dr. Han Tun)



Does the student already know what type of research or specialty they want to pursue?



NOT SURE

Meet with the Assistant Dean for Medical Student Research (ADMSR), Dr. Tim Gardner, to discuss your research interests and explore available opportunities and options.

HAS A DIRECTION

Review the OMSR website's Opportunities section or contact Dr. Han Tun to know with departmental research contacts and identify a target research area, project, or specialty through OMSR.



Both paths continue below

COMPLETE ONBOARDING REQUIREMENTS

(can start right away — before a mentor is identified)

- CITI Training (Must)— send certificate to OMSR and upload them to the SDR SharePoint
- Complete and sign all other required documents and policies (Confidentiality/HIPAA, Substance Use, and Disruptive Behavior policies) listed in the SDR.
- Research Interest & Skills Survey (Encouraged) — notify results to OMSR after submission.



OMSR FINALIZES RESEARCH ONBOARDING & DEPARTMENT CONNECTION

After completing all required research onboarding steps and documentation, OMSR connects the student with the appropriate department and/or faculty sponsor/PI.

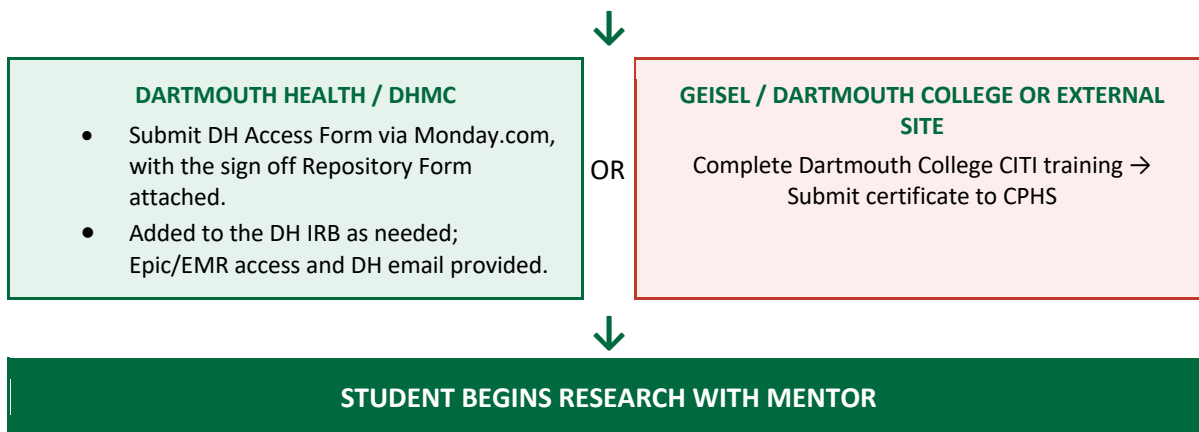


STUDENT WILL COMMUNICATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND OMSR HELPS FACILITATE A RESEARCH MENTOR MATCH

- Student confirms the research project with the sponsor/PI and informs OMSR
- OMSR completes, signs, and sends the SDR documentation to the student while retaining a copy in the student's research file.



Where will the research take place?



STUCK AT ANY STEP OR ANY HELP?

Contact the ADMSR, Dr. Tim Gardner — timothy.b.gardner@hitchcock.org
or the OMSR — Medical.Student.Research@dartmouth.edu / 603-646-5551

Ongoing Resources & Milestones (Available Throughout M1–M4)

These are not sequential steps — they are supports students can access at any point after connecting with OMSR.

Communication	• Weekly Research Newsletter (student research highlights, opportunities, funding announcements)
Events & Seminars	• Annual Geisel Research Fair (September) — meet departmental research faculty • Monthly Co-Curricular Research Seminar Series • Workshops and panels (e.g., IRB basics, planning M1 summer research) • Annual Research Poster Night; Medical Student Grand Rounds; Geisel/DH Biomedical Research Day, M4 Student Research Paper Competition
Funding	• Conference funding: \$400/year for all students; +\$1,500/year for Research Scholars • M1 Summer Research Stipend: \$2,500 (need-based) • Endowed Research Fund for MD Research Scholars — 20 students currently • Career & Professional Development (PD) Grants via Office of Student Life
Recognition & Competitive Programs	• Geisel MD Research Scholars Program (5-10 students/class, selected from M2s) • Discipline-specific fellowships (Dow Surgery, TOPS Oncology, Swigart Ethics, and others) • Annual Research Awards Night (M4 manuscript competition)
Publishing & Tracking	• Student publications tracked via Zotero with Dartmouth Biomedical Libraries • Graduate Medical Scholars Journal (GMSJ) — student-led publication
Curricular Requirement	• Research & Scholarship Curricular Thread (M1–M4), culminating in the Scholarly Project in Medicine (SPIM), presented in M4

Common Pitfalls to Avoid

- Cold-emailing DH faculty directly — all faculty contact should be facilitated through OMSR.
- Starting research before completing CITI Training and the Research Interest & Skills Survey.
- Not confirming the onboarding requirements specific to the research site (Geisel vs. DH vs. external) — they differ.
- Not following through once paired with a mentor.
- Not reaching out to OMSR for help — early contact saves time and frustration.

Sources & Notes

Content drawn from the OMSR website (<https://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/student-research/>), specifically the "Start Here for Research" onboarding guide and "New to Research at Geisel" FAQ, and from the Element 3.2 status report narrative.