RED RAIDER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES

OVERVIEW

This document provides guidance for applying to and participating in the Red Raider Research Fellowship. This program supports medical students in conducting full-time summer research experiences for MS1 students and in providing research support for MS2-MS4 students that align with the institution's academic and scholarly mission. All activities supported by this fellowship must comply with institutional policies on student research, professionalism, and academic standing, as well as any applicable IRB/IACUC or compliance requirements.

The Red Raider Research Committee reviews and awards funding for student research based on available funds. Students conducting research over the summer with an approved mentor may request funds for housing, living expenses, transportation, or research-related travel, up to $2500 for 4-8 weeks of full-time participation. A student can be awarded funds for one cycle per academic year. Awards are contingent upon available funding.

GOAL

Red Raider Research Fellowships provide financial support to eligible medical students to engage in research.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive a Red Raider Research Fellowship, FSOM students must:

- Be currently enrolled.
- Be in good academic and professional standing as determined by the Office of Student Affairs.
- Commit to full-time participation (4-5 weeks or 6-8 weeks). Full-time participation is defined as a commitment of 30-40 hours per week, as determined and approved by the research mentor.
- Students must have completed all requirements of the Scholarly Activity and Research Course PSAP 5401 and received a passing grade.
- Identify a research mentor and project prior to applying.
- MS1: Eligible to apply for the Summer Research Fellowship following completion of the first year of medical school.
- MS2 and MS3: Must have successfully taken the USMLE Step 1 prior to the start of the funded research experience.
- MS4: Must be enrolled in an approved research elective or conducting one continuous research project. Fellowship funding is limited to one research elective or one continuous research project

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FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

MS1 Summer Research Fellowship: For rising second-year students, focuses on initiating research through structured opportunities aligned with the SARP requirement, including project planning, mentorship identification, and foundational skill development.

- Duration: 4-8 weeks (June-July)
- Stipend: $1,250 per 4-week block, Maximum: 2 blocks ($2,500 total)
- Recommended Use of Funds
    - Housing
    - Living expenses
    - Transportation
    - Research-related travel
- Funds are provided as a stipend, not reimbursement
- Students are responsible for tax reporting if applicable
- Research Settings: On-campus, affiliate institutions, external programs. For students completing an external research experience for SARP credit, an internal faculty advisor will be required for institutional oversight.
- Minimum Project Criteria: Defined objective, feasible plan, and pathway to scholarly output (abstract).
- Mentor Expectation: Provide guidance and periodic communication sufficient to support completion of a scholarly product.

Research Support Fellowship (MS2–M4): Supports continuation or initiation of research, including specialty-aligned and external opportunities.

- Duration: 4 weeks
- Stipend: $1,250 per 4-week block, Maximum: 2 blocks ($2,500 total)
- Special Consideration for MS2 and MS3: Must have successfully taken the USMLE Step 1 prior to the start of the funded research experience. MS4s: Only one research elective block will be funded or one continuous research project.
- Allowable Use of Funds
    - Housing
    - Living expenses
    - Transportation
    - Research-related travel
- Funds are provided as a stipend, not reimbursement
- Students are responsible for tax reporting if applicable

- Research Settings: On-campus, affiliate institutions, external programs. For students completing an external research experience for SARP credit, an internal faculty advisor will be required for institutional oversight.
- Minimum Project Criteria: Defined objective, feasible plan, and pathway to scholarly output (abstract).
- Mentor Expectation: Provide guidance and periodic communication sufficient to support completion of a scholarly product.

APPLICATION

Applications are submitted through REDCap and reviewed by the Red Raider Research Committee.

MS1 Summer Fellowship Timeline

Applications Open: April 16, 2027

Application Deadline: July 2, 2027

Awards Announcement: Ongoing

Review Period: Weekly reviews following submission

Award Notifications: Within 5 days of submission

Research Period: June–July

MS2–MS4 Fellowship Timeline

Applications are accepted year-round and reviewed weekly.

Keys to application success:

- Clearly define a feasible 4-8 week project.
- Provide a well-articulated project plan.
- Ensure mentor commitment and project oversight.
- Inform the Office of Student Affairs that you will be traveling and obtain documentation that you are in good academic and professional standing.
- Provide information on any additional sponsorship.
- Book travel and lodging accommodations early for the best rates.

Submit the Red Raider Research Fellowship Application through the RedCAP submission portal.

NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING REQUEST OUTCOME

Students will receive email notification of the outcome for their Red Raider Research Fellowship Application following the committee review. Correspondence related to applications and funding should be via the SARP email account: mailto:SARP-ELP@ttep.edu.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Fellows are required to:

1. Complete the full research experience (4-8 weeks)
2. Maintain professional and academic standards
3. Submit a final abstract to SARP
4. Submit the Completion Survey

Failure to complete program requirements may result in:

- Ineligibility for any SARP future funding opportunities

WITHDRAWAL OR EARLY TERMINATION

Students who withdraw from the fellowship or fail to complete approved activities may be required to return unused funds and may become ineligible for future funding opportunities. Students considering withdrawal or anticipating an interruption in their participation should contact the SARP team as soon as possible to discuss their circumstances and receive guidance on next steps.

POST PROGRAM DELIVERABLES

Within two weeks of completing the research experience, students are required to submit the following:

- Final abstract
- Completion Survey

Instructions and submission guidance for the Final Abstract and completion survey will be provided to students via email.

Abstracts will be included in the annual SARP Research Booklet.

RED RAIDER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Student Name:		**Phone:**		
R-Number		**Class**	☐MS1 ☐MS2 ☐ MS3 ☐MS4	
Student Address		**City**	**ST**	**Zip**
Student Email				
Research Mentor	**Name:**	**Mentor Email Address:**		
Mentor Institution:				
Internal Faculty Advisor (if external project)	**Name:**	**Mentor Email Address:**		
Internal Faculty Advisor Department:				
Title of project:				
Research Area:				
Keywords:				

Please Provide a Project Description (250-500 words):

Please provide your objectives:

Briefly describe your expected project outcomes:

Project Logistics	
Location of Research:	
Duration (4-8 weeks):	
Estimated Weekly Hours:	

Budget Plan	
Expense Type	***Estimated Expense***
Living Expenses	
Transportation to and from event:	
Transportation to/from airport/lodging	
Transportation to/from event venue	
Lodging:	
TOTAL:	