Application for Year-off Programs for UMMSM MD Program Students

Students in the MD program who would like to apply for a program that will require a one year leave of absence between the 3rd and 4th years of school must first obtain permission from UMMSM administration. The approval for this activity is limited to participation in programs/projects that would support overall training goals. The consideration of a student application includes the content and quality of the program/project, its relevance to the medical curriculum, and the overall fit to the student’s career goals and experiences.

Each application will be considered on an individual basis with consideration of the student’s overall performance and standing. Prior to consideration of the application, the student will be required to:

- Meet with a Student Affairs dean (Dr. Alabiad or Dr. Campo) to further discuss the student’s goals.
- Submit to the committee the materials listed below for review. A copy of the student’s current curriculum vitae should be included the application materials.

For Research:

1. A project proposal including the following components:
   a. Title of project
   b. Summary of the research project
   c. Proposed activities and structure of the year off
   d. Proposed outcomes of the project (publications to specific journals, etc.)
2. Letter of support from the research mentor, including contact information.
3. Specific details about how this particular experience would enhance your training in the MD program and/or your career as a physician
4. Specific information about previous experiences that support your work in this area (this could include work with student organizations, experiences before medical school, etc.)
5. Identify compensation/funding sources, if any, during your year off.
   a. Students who are on leave of absence conducting UNFUNDED research will be enrolled in a zero credit course (MDR 907: Research Experience) during this time to facilitate access to facilities, etc.

The expectation is that at the conclusion of the time away, the student’s efforts will qualify for Academic Credit for Research (2-6 credits) and/or Graduation with Research Distinction. The criteria by which these are awarded are included with this document.

Other Degree Seeking and Non-Degree Seeking Programs:

1. If University of Miami dual degree program or degree seeking, no further action is needed.
2. If outside University of Miami or for Non-Degree Seeking Programs, include specific details about how this particular experience would enhance your training in the MD program and/or your career as a physician. For Non-Degree Seeking Programs, include a copy of the curriculum and program objectives.