

School Procedures of the University of North Texas Health Science Center	Chapter 15 – School Procedures Student Affairs, Education, and Funding
<b>15.XXX SBS - Graduate Student Original Research</b>	

**Procedure Statement.**

This school procedure outlines the requirements for a graduate student’s original research conducted in progression to a degree in the University of North Texas Health Science Center’s (UNTHSC) School of Biomedical Sciences (SBS).

**Application of Procedure.**

This procedure applies to all graduate students enrolled in SBS and faculty on graduate advisory committees.

**Procedures and Responsibilities.**

Creating new scholarly work is at the heart of the graduate student experience. Through in-depth research experiences, students build competencies in:

- biomedical scientific knowledge,
- research and analytic skills,
- communication skills, and,
- professionalism, collegiality, and career development.

Maintaining the highest academic honesty and research ethical standards is especially important at the graduate level, where students are expected to do original research in preparation for future professional and academic roles.

Graduate students may include research they previously generated before starting their degrees (e.g., while staff employees at UNTHSC or another institution or during the completion of a previous degree) as part of the introduction chapter to their practicum, thesis, or dissertation.

However, only data generated during a research rotation (*i.e.*, while enrolled in BMSC 5150 or BMSC 6150), in the conduct of a thesis project (*i.e.*, while enrolled in BMSC 5998 Individual Research or BMSC 5965 Thesis), or in the conduct of a dissertation project (*i.e.*, while enrolled in BMSC 6998 Individual Research or BMSC 6395 Doctoral Dissertation) may be used by graduate students in their results chapters in fulfillment of the requirements for a traditional Master of Science or Doctor of Philosophy degree. Data generated while enrolled in these courses may be used by students who transfer between these two degree programs.

The use of research data in their results chapters generated prior to or outside of their degree enrollment at UNTHSC creates an unfair academic advantage for these students over other students in the academic community and is considered academic misconduct.

The advisory committee is responsible for reviewing graduate student research submitted in fulfillment of degree requirements and ensuring and documenting compliance with this procedure.

**References and Cross-references.**

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