

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

Research Honors Practicum (MEDE-7120)

Greetings,

I am contacting you as Course Director of the TCOM Honors Research Practicum (MEDE-7120) to assess your interest in serving as a research mentor for a student during the upcoming 2019-2020 academic year. This provides an opportunity for you to mentor a TCOM 2nd year student who ranks in the top 10% of the class. Generally, this involves mentorship of the student and provision of the necessary laboratory, clinical, or other resources needed for successful completion of the research. The latter requires ongoing research project participation (as agreed by both the mentor and student) during the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters, culminating in a student poster presentation at Research Appreciation Day at UNTHSC.

Projects and their derivative poster presentations for the course must involve hypothesis-driven research. Descriptive case reports or case series will not satisfy the course requirement. Each year we attempt to provide a wide variety of research mentor profiles that students may review prior to discussing projects with prospective mentors and then making a final mentor selection by early September. In all cases, students (not the Course Director) will select their mentors based on the available research profiles and/or meetings with prospective mentors. The mentor-student relationship will then be formalized in an agreement that specifies the expectations for each student research project for the course, and that is forwarded to the Course Director. In any given year, a volunteer mentor may not be selected because of the research interests of the enrolled students and because we strive to have a large mentor-to-student ratio to allow for more optimal matching of student interests with available mentors and projects.

If you wish to volunteer as a mentor for AY 2019-2020, please go to:
https://unt.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eIDtWdUy6fwe8mN to complete the RESEARCH MENTOR FORM by Monday, July 22. You may anticipate that students will generally contact you during the month of August if they are interested in having you serve as a research mentor.

Thank you, and please let me know if you wish any additional information regarding the course.

Sincerely,

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