

<b>TCOM Accreditation Operating Procedures</b>	<b>Approved: July 2017</b>
<b>COCA Element 8.1 Research and Scholarly Activity Strategic Plan*</b>	<b>Effective: July 2017</b>
<b>COCA Element 8.2 Research and Scholarly Activity Budget*</b>	<b>Revised: October 2019, February 2024</b>
<b>COCA Element 8.3 OMM/OPP Research and Scholarly Activity*</b>	

<p><b>Element 8.1:</b> A COM must produce and publish a strategic plan for research and scholarly activities at all campus locations that documents how the COM intends to contribute to the advancement of knowledge through research and scholarly contributions. The plan must include cultural competency and health disparities research/scholarly activities.</p> <p><b>Element 8.2:</b> A COM must have budgetary processes and a budget that supports research and scholarly activity by its faculty and students.</p> <p><b>Element 8.3:</b> A COM must demonstrate how its research and/or scholarly activity includes and/or incorporates osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) and osteopathic principles and practice (OPP).</p>
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<p><b>Procedure Statement:</b> TCOM shall have a strategic plan for research and scholarly activities. The strategic plan shall document how TCOM intends to contribute to the advancement of knowledge through research and scholarly contributions in cultural competency, health disparities and osteopathic principles and practice. TCOM shall have budgetary processes and a budget that supports research and scholarly activity by its faculty and students.</p>		
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	
1. TCOM shall have an Associate Dean for Research.	TCOM Dean	
2. The Associate Dean for Research shall be responsible for providing strategic leadership, direction, and support for all activities related to faculty and student research in the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine	TCOM Dean	
3. The Associate Dean for Research shall create and maintain a strategic plan for research and scholarly activities.	Associate Dean, Research	
4. The research and scholarly activity strategic plan shall be published on a public webpage.	Associate Dean, Research	
5. TCOM shall incorporate into its strategic plan tactical initiatives to encourage and support the conduct of research and scholarly production. Such initiatives shall include collaboration across the HSC and be in alignment with the mission of the college and the HSC.	Associate Dean, Research TCOM Department Chairs HSC Executive Vice President for Research	
6. TCOM shall support research and/or scholarly activity focused on osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) and osteopathic principles and practice (OPP).	Associate Dean, Research	

7.	Research faculty shall be identified within TCOM and HSC and shall be allocated sufficient time to participate in research activities. Additional faculty shall be recruited to support this strategic initiative.	TCOM & HSC Department Chairs
8.	TCOM shall designate in its annual budget support funding for its research initiatives.	TCOM Dean
9.	TCOM shall provide ongoing training and mentorship for junior faculty, students, and residents in the development and conduct of research.	Associate Dean, Research TCOM Department Chairs
10.	TCOM shall coordinate its efforts within HSC and advocate for the provision of sufficient supporting resources to sustain the research effort.	TCOM Dean HSC Provost HSC Deans (SBS, SPH, SCP, SHP)
11.	TCOM shall monitor satisfaction of the research initiative through designated metrics to include applications for extramural funding, receipt of extramural awards and publication of scholarly work.	TCOM Dean HSC Executive Vice President for Research
12.	TCOM shall review the accomplishments of the faculty and students at least annually and make such modifications to its strategic plan and initiatives as may be needed to sustain the research effort.	TCOM Executive Committee

Webpage links:

- [TCOM Research & Scholarly Activity Strategic Plan](#)