

**Indiana University School of Medicine
Committee Report Template**

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Committee Name: Student Research Committee

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Meeting Frequency: Every 4 months, weighted toward meeting in the Fall Semester

What is the mission of your committee? (100 words)

The mission of the Student Research Committee is to foster a medical education program that provides intellectual challenge and a spirit of enquiry appropriate to a community of scholars and to engage students in research and scholarly activities available statewide throughout Indiana.

What has your committee accomplished this year? (250 words)

During this academic year, we have expanded the research and scholarly opportunities available to students, generated a webpage devoted to IUSM research and scholarly opportunities, and developed an umbrella program, the **I**ndiana University **M**edical Student **P**rogram for **R**esearch and **S**cholarship (IMPRS). Within IMPRS, the research opportunities and observerships available statewide are organized into four tracks:

- 1) Laboratory Science
- 2) Clinical
- 3) Community Health and Education
- 4) Health Research and Outcomes

All IMPRS students statewide have the opportunity of attending the weekly Summer Student Seminar Series, which occurs each Thursday from noon – 1 PM and is presented via statewide videoconferencing. Topics covered in this seminar series include responsible conduct of research, research rigor and reproducibility, topics in basic and clinical research, career development, and work/life balance. At the termination of the program, all participating students prepare a scholarly abstract summarizing their research findings or clinical experience. Students will have the option (with mentor approval) of submitting their final abstract to the “Proceedings of IMPRS 2017”, which we will compile and publish online under the guidance of Beth Whipple. We have also scheduled the end-of-program “IMPRS Science Day and Poster Session” (August 1, 2017, 1 PM – 5 PM) to occur in conjunction with the annual statewide

orientation for all first-year students, which will allow matriculating students to see first-hand the research and scholarly opportunities available to them for summer, 2018.

For improved tracking and documentation purposes, we have generated a mandatory end-of-summer questionnaire for all students entering MS2 to complete, which includes queries regarding summer activity / employment, length of research/scholarly activity, and resulting publication(s).

What goals does your committee have for the next academic year? How can the Faculty Steering Committee help you to accomplish those goals? (150 words)

For the following academic year, we hope to streamline and enhance communication with the first year medical students regarding summer research and scholarly activities. These opportunities will be communicated to students in a standardized manner via the Lead Academic Advisors, directed by Dr. Abigail Klemsz, through the IUSM Mentoring and Advising Program. Students will be encouraged throughout the fall semester by the Lead Advisors to consider conducting a research, clinical, or experiential activity.