

**Q. What is a Scholarly Project?**

- An in-depth investigation of a medical topic of interest to an undergraduate medical student.
- Projects include traditional research as well as other types of projects.
- Students design their project, conduct the work to accomplish the project, interpret the results, and present the finished product to the OHSU community.
- Needs to be feasible in order to complete and present before graduation.
- Length and scope of project are flexible; must include at least 6 weeks, but can be longer.

**Q. Who needs to complete a Scholarly Project?**

- All students, starting with the Class of 2018, with the exception of those enrolled in the M.D./Ph.D., M.D./MPH and Physician-Scientist track.

**Q. Will academic credit be awarded?**

- Yes, it counts for 8 credits minimum and is required for graduation.

**Q. What is the role of a project Mentor?**

- The mentor works closely with the student, providing guidance, support, and advice throughout the project.
- Essential to the success of a student's scholarly project.

**Q. Who can be a Mentor?**

- OHSU faculty and project-specific experts located at other institutions.
- Faculty with an interest in fostering research in their area of expertise and working with like-minded medical students.
- Serving as a project mentor is a School of Medicine teaching activity.

**Q. What are the responsibilities of a Mentor?**

- Work one-on-one with the student.
- Provide regular updates of the student's progress to the Scholarly Project concentration lead (see below) during the active work phase of the project.
- Give guidance and advice, starting with the project proposal.

**Q. How can I meet interested students?**

- Include your name, affiliation, and subject area in our on-line Mentor Directory.
- Participate in our Introduction course provided to the first year class each spring.
- Contact the concentration lead most closely aligned to your area of expertise.

**Q. Who can I contact?**

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