Research Electives (600 level course numbers, non-clinical)

**UCLA Research**

- Up to six weeks of research and/or In-Depth Electives (100 level courses) may be applied toward the 30 week elective requirement. For example, if you receive credit for four weeks of research, you may only receive credit for two weeks of an In-Depth elective.
- The course chair or preceptor for the elective must be a UCLA faculty member.
- Academic credit will not be given for research electives for which you are paid or while on a leave of absence.
- Research experiences eligible for academic credit include school-approved programs, e.g., MSTP, M.D./Ph.D., and NMF. However, Short Term Training Program work, Pathology Fellowship, Hughes positions, etc., are excluded.
- Academic credit will not be given for any research conducted prior to the end of your second year or while on a leave of absence.
- UCLA vs. AWAY credit: Research electives taken at any of the UCLA hospital campuses and sponsored by a UCLA faculty member will be given "UCLA" elective credit, while those research experiences taken away from the UCLA hospital campuses will count towards the 12 weeks allowed for AWAY electives.
- Research electives cannot be applied toward the 24 weeks of elective clinical experiences.
- Final approval for research will rest with the Director for Student Research.

**Non-UCLA Research**

- Non-UCLA research is permitted only under the sponsorship of a UCLA faculty member from the corresponding department in which you will be participating, e.g., Radiology research at UCSF must be sponsored by a UCLA faculty member in Radiology.
- Both the non-UCLA and UCLA sponsor will participate in the evaluation of the elective.

**Adding a Research Elective:**

1. Complete a Research Form (mentor's approval signature included). The form can be found in the Student Affairs office and on the web at [http://www.medstudent.ucla.edu/offices/sao/documents/ResearchForm1.pdf](http://www.medstudent.ucla.edu/offices/sao/documents/ResearchForm1.pdf).
2. Place the form in Monica Perkins' mailbox in the Student Affairs Office at least one month prior to the start date of the elective for the Assistant Dean of Research's approval signature.
3. If you have any questions, you may contact Monica Perkins in the SAO at (310) 825-8262.
4. Six weeks of research (600 level) and/or In-depth (100 level) electives may count towards the 30 weeks of your elective requirement.