

**Expectations for All School of Medicine Graduate Students:** Expectations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Exhibit professional behavior and treat all faculty members, staff and fellow students with honesty, dignity, respect and fairness.
- Be fully committed to and give full effort on all aspects of their training.
- Meet technical standards for graduate trainees.
- Work with graduate program directors, counselors and advisors to enroll in appropriate coursework for their programs and strive to achieve all training benchmarks.
- If receiving a stipend, register for 9-15 credits in the fall and spring semesters and at least 3 credits in the summer semester to be considered full-time. If not receiving a stipend but needing to be considered full-time, register for 9-15 credits in the fall and spring semesters, and consult with your program regarding summer registration requirements.
- As required by their programs, identify an advisor(s) (with guidance) and work collaboratively with that advisor(s) for thesis, dissertation, capstone and other projects.
- Successfully complete a Laboratory Safety course before or when initiating laboratory research.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- Solicit guidance, advice and input from program directors, advisors and others when needed.
- Participate when possible in the recruitment of future School of Medicine graduate students.
- Follow guidelines, policies and expectations described in the VCU Bulletin, on the School of Medicine Education website, in the School of Medicine Professionalism Committee guidelines, on the VCU Student Conduct and Academic Integrity website, and in Program materials.

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