

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. 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.
- Explore accommodations, academic actions, guidance, advice and input with or from program directors, advisors and others as soon as students become aware of issues that interfere or might interfere with academic progress.
- Understand that retroactive accommodations or retroactive academic actions (e.g. actions after grades are recorded) are rarely, if ever, granted.
- 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 Graduate Education website, in the School of Medicine Professionalism Committee website, on the VCU Student Conduct website, the Honor System and Standards of Academic Conduct website, in the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation-Responsible Conduct of Research website, in Program materials and course syllabi.
- Use artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning and other similar tools only as defined by and acknowledge its use in accordance with guidance, course syllabi, program handbooks, etc. from course directors, advisors, graduate advisory committees and program directors.

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