**Research project parameters**

Purpose: To define basic parameters for a student’s project to be considered “Research” and basic expectations for a student research project
Scope: Research electives, Summer Research Program

A research project must contain the following:
1) Objective of the activity defined with one of the following:
   a) Hypothesis
   b) Question to be answered
   c) Exploratory activity
2) Defined study design
3) A systematic activity for generating new knowledge
4) Analysis/interpretation of data
5) Documentation of appropriate approval (IRB, IUCAC or exempt)
6) Student’s role in the project should merit at least a byline credit in the submitted manuscript and/or abstract
7) End product (deliverable) at the conclusion of the project
   a) Student should elaborate what have they learned during the project
   b) The student should be able to discuss their project’s findings

**A research project must assess in some form as part of the faculty evaluation:**
Does the faculty mentor feel that the student was actively involved in the project from beginning to end

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