**Loyola University**

**Cardiothoracic Fellowship**

**Research Requirements**

**Research Policy**

Academic activity in the form original research presented at national conferences or submitted in peer-reviewed journals is an absolute requirement for completion of our program. You will be guided in the successful completion of this requirement by the Director of Resident Research, who will meet with you on a monthly basis (the third Friday morning of each month) to assess your progress and to advise you on the conduct of your research. Further assistance is available from the Program Director, and program coordinator.

**Research Evaluation and Feedback**

After each quarter, the Director of Resident Research will submit a status update and evaluation at the end of the deadlines mentioned below for all resident research projects to the Clinical Competency Committee and Program Director.

**Research Timeline**

The following timeline must be followed:  
  
By the end of the second quarter of the first year, a suitable project approved by the Director of Resident Research and an experimental design must have been submitted.

By the end of the first year, IRB approval as necessary and preliminary data must be available.  
  
By the end of the second year, by thirty days before graduation, the presentation must have been accepted, or the researched submitted for publication.  
  
Failure to achieve the elements of this timeline will result in probationary status or dismissal. Failure to achieve the end of second year goal will be grounds to withhold the certificate of graduation.  
  
Residents finishing in 2017 will be strongly encouraged to complete these goals, but will not be required to achieve them in order to graduate.  
  
Residents finishing in 2018 will be held to end of first year and end of second year requirements, but not second quarter requirements.  
  
This policy will be in full force for all residents beginning in July/August of 2017 and thereafter.

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