

WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

Mission Statement

The Women's Health Research Consortium (WHRC) strives to create a collaborative venue between medical students, residents, and faculty to promote production of high quality research projects. The committee will provide the information needed to guide medical students as they choose, start and complete high quality research in the field of Women's Health.

Committee Includes

- Faculty Leader = Dr. Amelia Jernigan
- Faculty Leader = Dr. Stacey Scheib
- Faculty Leader = Dr. Judy Crabtree
- Resident Representative = Dr. Yetunde Akinde
- Statistician* = Dr. Andrew Chapple
- Senior Advisors to the Chair = (L4) Aubrey Schachter and Ashley Duhon
- Committee Chairs = (L3): Maya Roth and Saman Kamal
- Chairs Elect = (L2): Anwei Polly Gwan and Tina Nguyen

**For projects with a PI in the Department of OB/GYN.*

Committee Meetings & Consortium Meetings will be held quarterly.

- Q1 - July - Sept.
- Q2 - Oct. - Dec.
- Q3 - Jan. - Mar.
- Q4 - Apr. - June

The goal of committee meetings will be to review current projects and assess status of each project. Any questions or concerns will be addressed with the appropriate team at project meetings.

The goal of consortium meetings will be to briefly discuss current projects and review essential topics in conducting research. The meeting must be attended by students currently involved in research, and those interested in beginning a project. Consortium meetings are mandatory.

Topics are presented in a two-year set:

- How to choose and write a research question + brainstorming session (yearly)
- How to write an abstract
- IRB basics
- Statistics
- Research design
- How to create a poster
- How to write a manuscript

Membership

Any student who is interested in Women's Health Research is eligible for membership into the Women's Health Medical Student Research Committee. There are no dues.

Guidelines

Students who have completed research should act as mentors to the 1st and 2nd year students.

- **Chair Elect (L2)** = Serves as an advisor to the Chair and acts as a voice of the L1 and L2 classes. Handles administrative duties including student recruitment, managing research trackers, and other tasks.
 - Tasks
 - Serves as initial point of contact for students interested in joining the WHRC and manages the WHRC student membership roster
 - Manage student access to WHRC resources.
 - Contact project leads before quarterly committee meetings to get updates.
 - Takes minutes at quarterly consortium meetings
 - Complete all SGA requirements: collecting hours, performing audits
 - Compile attendance at meetings and follow up no-shows
 - Plan and execute L1 informational meeting bi-annually
 - Becomes the Committee Chairs (L3 year) then Senior Advisors to the Chair (L4 year)
 - Selected by the Committee during the second semester of their first year of medical school
 - Requirements
 1. Must be Interested in Women's Health
 2. Past or Present Involvement with at least one research project
 3. Must be enrolled in the 4 year MD program at LSUHSC-NO.
- **Committee Chairs (L3)**
 - Coordinate and Organize group matters
 - Communicate with faculty to include new research ideas to research tracker.
 - Keep research tracker up-to-date.
 - Plan and coordinate committee meetings, generates agenda.
 - Lead consortium meetings, including invitation of speakers and content.
 - Manages website.
 - Work alongside Faculty Leader to continue the progress of Quality and Quantity of Research
 - Schedules quarterly committee & consortium meetings and room reservations with input from Chairs Elect.
 - Communication with the WHRC regarding meeting dates, locations, and other announcements.
- **Senior Advisors to the Chair (L4)**
 - To advise and mentor the Chair and Chair elect on all matters
 - Attends consortium and committee meetings
 - Helps in holding classmates accountable for acting as mentors to other students.
 - Complete quarterly newsletter