**Orthopaedic Research Committee**

**Mission Statement**

\*To connect students with the information and faculty needed to guide and maximize medical student’s time to choose, start and complete research of the highest quality.

**Committee Includes**

* Dr. Vinod Dasa (Orthopedics Research Chairmen) [vdasa@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:vdasa@lsuhsc.edu)
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**Introductory Committee Meeting**

* + Q1 Aug. – Oct.

\*Goal is to discuss how to get involved with research and outline resources available to committee members

**Progress and New Project Meetings**

* + Quarterly, the chair-elect will meet with all students currently doing research and those interested.

\*Goal is to discuss progress and advise students on current and future projects.

**Guidelines**

* + Dr. Dasa expects students who have completed research to 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
    1. Becomes the Committee Chair (L3 year) then Senior Advisor to the Chair (L4 year)
    2. Elected during Q4 of their First year of medical school
    3. Requirements
       1. Must be Interested in orthopedics
       2. Member of the orthopedics Interest Group
       3. Past or Present Involvement with at least one research project
    4. Present Chair Elect will send out an email during Q3 asking for those interested, who meet the above requirements, to reply with an e-mail containing an attached paragraph:
       1. \*The paragraph should indicate that they meet the requirements, and why they would be a good fit for this position
  + **Committee Chair (L3)** = Coordinate and Organize Group matters, Work alongside Dr. Dasa and Dr. Zura to continue the progress of Quality and Quantity of Research by LSUHSC-New Orleans Orthopedics, Work with all Committee members to schedule all quarterly meetings
  + **Senior Advisor to the Chair (L4)** = To advise and mentor the Chair and Chair elect on all matters