

## **MU-COM Strategic Plan for Research and Scholarly Activity**

### **Research Mission of MU-COM**

Create an institutional passion for the discovery of knowledge that enhances student success through participation in investigator-initiated research and original scholarship.

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1. STUDENTS**

**Students engage in mentored research to advance their knowledge and confidence in a manner appropriate for the residency-ready physician.**

- Develop new opportunities for COM students to participate in meaningful research mentorships with internal and external investigators.
- Support the COM student-led Research Club and the BMS Research Program to facilitate their activities (Research Day, Hospital Events, for example).
- Evaluate the feasibility and advisability of a D.O./M.S. dual degree program or a Research Honors Track for D.O. students every 5 years.

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2. FACULTY**

**Faculty contribute to the discovery and dissemination of knowledge to the benefit of students and University.**

- Maintain and continually refine mechanisms for distribution of and access to internal and external research resources, including facilities, equipment, supplies, and funding.
- Ensure faculty involvement in the planning and securing of additional research equipment, technologies, and facilities.
- Comply with all local, state, and federal research guidelines and provide all necessary training for investigators.
- Encourage the creation and advancement of internal and external collaborative research including centers of focus.
- Continue support for professional meeting attendance and membership in professional societies.
- Review the research strategic plan annually, so that the COM will fulfill its obligations to contribute to the advancement of knowledge through research and scholarly activities, with attention given to OMM/OPP research.

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3. INSTITUTION**

**Institutional Support creates an environment that assists the faculty and students in advancing the research enterprise of the institution.**

- Support university-wide regulatory committees, including but not limited to the Institutional Review Board (IRB), the Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC) and the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC).
- Establish a method for regularly monitoring training in all categories covered by CITI training and notifying individuals who need to renew their training status.
- Advocate for robust support from the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) and Research, responding to the needs of faculty, including pre- and post-award support for those who seek extramural funding.

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4. COMMUNICATION**

**Communicate research news effectively to internal and external audiences showcasing the positive picture of MU-COM's academic reputation.**

- Develop and maintain a robust research website for various audiences including students, faculty, and the external community.
- Advocate for robust communication channels publicizing COM research activities and accomplishments to audiences outside the university.