

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EPIDEMIOLOGY PROGRAM MENTORING COMPACT

Student name: _____

Mentor: _____

Commitments of Mentors (Compact between Student and Their Mentors based on AAMC Compact)

- I intend to develop the skills needed to be a good mentor.
- I will strive to maintain a relationship with the student that is based on trust and mutual respect. I acknowledge that open communication and periodic formal performance reviews, conducted at least bi- annually, will help ensure that the expectations of both parties are met.
- I will promote all ethical standards for conducting research including compliance with all institutional and federal regulations as they relate to responsible conduct in research, privacy and human subjects' research, animal care and use, laboratory safety, and use of radioisotopes.
- I will clearly define expectations for conduct of research in my lab and make myself available to discuss ethical concerns as they arise.
- I will provide the student with the required guidance and mentoring, including scheduling prompt meetings when requested, and will seek the assistance of other faculty and departmental/institutional resources when necessary.
- I will provide a training environment that is suited to the individual needs of the student in order to ensure his/her personal and professional growth.
- I will ensure that the research performed by a student is submitted for publication in a timely manner and that she/he receives appropriate credit for the work she/he performs.
- I will acknowledge her/his contribution to the development of any intellectual property and will clearly define future access to tangible research materials according to institutional policy.

Training Program--Specific Guidelines: (Please initial)

____ I agree to meet at regularly with my mentee to assess progress, weekly as often as possible.

____ I agree to actively work with my mentee towards their thesis.

____ I agree to communicate any problems related to my mentee to the MS Program Director

Mentor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I agree to mentor this student for the period of _____ to _____
(Annually is recommended).

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EPIDEMIOLOGY PROGRAM GRADUATE STUDENT COMPACT

Student name: _____

Mentor: _____

Commitments of Student (Compact Between Student and Their Mentors—based on AAMC Compact)

- I acknowledge that I have the primary responsibility for the development of my own career. As such, it is my responsibility to arrange meeting times and meet with my mentor regularly and my advisor at least once a semester.
- I recognize the value of the time and energy of my mentor.
- I will develop a mutually defined research project with my mentor that includes well-defined goals and timelines. Ideally, this project should be outlined and agreed upon at the time of the initial appointment.
- I will perform my research activities conscientiously, maintain good research records, and catalog and maintain all tangible research materials that result from the research project.
- I will conduct research responsibly and ethically, including respecting all ethical standards when conducting my research, complying with all institutional and federal regulations as they relate to responsible conduct in research, privacy and human subjects research, animal care and use, laboratory safety, and use of radioisotopes, as applicable. Although education opportunities for ethical conduct will be offered to me, I recognize that it is my responsibility to take advantage of these training opportunities, and I will do so.
- I recognize that this commitment includes asking for guidance when presented with ethical or research compliance uncertainties and reporting on breaches of ethical or compliance standards by me and/or others following University of Florida and Federal policies and requirements.
- I will show respect for and will work collegially with my coworkers, support staff, and other individuals with whom I interact.
- In accordance with institutional policy, I will leave behind all original notebooks, computerized files, and tangible research materials so that other individuals can carry on related research. I will also work with my mentor to submit the research results for publication in a timely manner. By arrangement with my mentor, I can make copies of my notebooks and/or computerized files, as applicable, and have access to tangible research materials which I helped to generate during my future appointment, according to institutional policy.

Specific Guidelines: (Please initial)

____ I agree to meet with my mentor regularly and to always be prepared.

____ I agree to attend all meetings that come up throughout the year that will benefit my career, that my program requires, and that my mentee recommends.

____ I agree to meet my mentor’s plan progress on my thesis.

____ I agree to participate in any needed reporting requirements for my mentor’s research, any applicable training grant requirements, and my Department requirements, in a timely manner.

____ I agree to attend department sponsored activities and extra educational opportunities as often as I can.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____