



RESEARCH UPDATE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Laboratory Access and Summer Research Experience**

- We have received several requests regarding laboratory access and plans for the Summer Research Experience.
 - As of this writing we continue to operate the BioScience Research Laboratory at limited capacity with access to faculty only. Plans are to expand access to include student researchers in the coming weeks. Capacity limits will be enforced in accordance with State guidelines. This may result in investigators having to schedule visits to the laboratory.
 - The Human Physiology Laboratory will also open and provide access to faculty as well as student researchers. Capacity limits and scheduling will also apply.
 - The Computer Laboratory is available for use by all faculty. Student access to the Computer Laboratory will resume at the same time as laboratory access.

We will be updating laboratory access information regularly throughout the semester and look forward to resumption of research activities.

- The Summer Research Experience is being planned as an in-person program. We anticipate being able to accommodate participants in a safe environment. Planning is underway.
 - Medical Student Research Day is scheduled for July 16, 2021. Current plans are to have a on-campus poster sessions and keynote speaker. The RAC will begin planning discussions at its next meeting. Dr. Ontiveros will be communicating additional information throughout the Spring semester.

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Assistant Dean for Research*

- **AOA Grant Opportunities**

- The [2021 AOA Research Grant Program](#) offers opportunities for grants of up to \$100,000. The deadline for all applications is Monday, February 15, 2021. Please contact the Research Office if you plan to submit a proposal.

- **Distinction in Research Accepting Applications**

- The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will begin accepting applications on January 15, 2021. Application information and requirements for the [Distinction in Research](#) are available online. Please contact [Dr. Ontiveros](#) for more information.

MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH

- **Responsible Conduct of Research Required Training**

- All students are required to complete a Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training course, entitled "Student & Trainees RCR," which is offered through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program (link: www.citiprogram.org). **Students must complete this training course no later than January 19th, at 8:00 AM.** Contact [Dr. Ontiveros](#) or the [Research Office](#) for more information.

- **Summer Research Experience**

- The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) is pleased to announce the 2021 Medical Student Summer Research Experience and invite you to submit applications for the program. The summer experience

will be offered during the summer of 2021 and consists of a 6-week research experience that will commence with Orientation Day on June 2nd and culminate on July 17th with Medical Student Research Day.

Participants are expected to attend Orientation Day, devote full commitment to the mentored research, and present their work during Medical Student Research Day. A list of available projects and applications are available on the [Summer Research Experience webpage](#). Completed applications must be received by the **deadline date: February 2nd, 2021 at 11:59 PM.**

- **Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Poster Presentations Call for Abstracts** ○ The Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee (LBORC) is calling for submissions to the [2021 Poster Presentation](#). The presentation will be held in March during the 2021 AAO Convocation. The deadline for submission is February 1, 2021.

Contact: [Adrienne Kania, DO, FAAO NMM/OMM](#)

- **AOA Research Training Grants**
 - The [AOA Research Training Grants](#) for medical students program will begin receiving applications this month. The application cycle will open on December 15, 2020 and close on February 15, 2021. These training grants provide up to \$5,000 in funding for medical students and aim to promote the osteopathic approach to care through AOA-funded research. All individuals planning to submit a grant must contact the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs and submit a [Proposal Transmittal Form](#) along with other requisite information at least five (5) business days in advance of the submission deadline. Please contact [Dr. Benoit](#) for more information regarding the grant submission process.
- **Student Research Support Fund**
 - In support of Burrell College medical student research and creative scholarship endeavors, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) is pleased to announce the new 2020-2021 Student Research Support Fund and invites student researchers to submit an application. This funding opportunity provides Burrell College medical students with limited funds to support their research and creative scholarship. Applications are available on the [program website](#).

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- **Distinction in Research** ○ The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) is pleased to announce the [Distinction in Research](#) that will begin accepting applications on **January 15, 2021**. The Distinction is a highly intensive and optional path that provides opportunities for medical students who seek higher levels of mentored research experiences.

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RESEARCH LABORATORIES

- **Laboratory Services for Faculty Investigators**
 - The Research Laboratories are pleased to announce a new effort to advance faculty-driven research by offering Laboratory Services in support of college-sponsored research. All you need to do is submit a request using a form available at this link: https://bcomnm.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8esL69vynTRTLA9
- **Research Laboratory Access**
 - We wish to remind laboratory users to contact Ms. Kalli Martinez before visiting the Research Laboratories. We continue to operate at a reduced capacity and it is important that we maintain awareness of laboratory user access.

Email: M.Woods, Ph.D. and K. Martinez

Human Physiology Laboratory

- The IRB and Office of Research are working with Principal Investigators towards a plan for resuming face to face human subjects research in the Human Physiology Laboratory. Each project is being considered on a project-by-project basis from a risk/benefit perspective by the IRB based on information provided by the principal investigators. Assessment of risks and benefits includes those imposed to both subjects and investigators during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Contact the [IRB](#) or [Research Office](#) for more information.

DATES AND DEADLINES

- Institutional Review Board (IRB) – January 29, 2021; 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
 - Last day to submit materials for this meeting: January 18, 2021
 - Email: IRB@bcomnm.org
- Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) – February 3, 2021, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
 - Last day to submit materials for this meeting: January 21, 2021
 - Email: Research@bcomnm.org
- Research Advisory Council (RAC) – January 22, 2021, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- [Distinguished Researcher Seminar Series](#)
 - The Distinguished Researcher Seminar Series will continue as an online series through the Spring Semester. Dates will be announced as speakers are confirmed. Hosts for the Spring Seminars are as follows:
 - January: Department of Clinical Medicine
 - February: Department of Physiology & Pathology
 - March: Department of Biomedical Sciences
 - April: Medical Student Body

POLICY & REGULATORY UPDATE

- ***Burrell College New or Updated Policies and Procedures***
 - The Biosafety Manual has been updated after undergoing IBC review and is available on the Burrell College website. A minor modification has been made to the Blood-borne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan and we are still finalizing an SOP to inform the process by which Burrell Investigators can document Hepatitis B vaccination.
 - [Biological Safety Manual](#)
 - [Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan](#)
 - Research Laboratories Services Request, [RSP.018](#)
This policy defines the procedure whereby a Burrell College faculty may request Laboratory Services in support of College-sponsored research projects.
- ***Human Research Protection*** ○ [AHRQ Guide Notice on Exception to the Use of the Single IRB Review Requirements During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Public Health Emergency](#)
- ***CDC***
 - [Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories \(BMBL\) 6th Edition](#) **New Edition!** *Download your Free Copy.*
- ***World Health Organization***
 - [Laboratory Biosafety Manual, 4th Edition](#) (New Edition, December 2020)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, MEETINGS, and NOTICES

- Guidance on new proposal submission and related information is available in MS Teams and on the Research Office Website. Please submit a completed [Proposal Transmittal Routing Request](#) in advance of the deadline. Allow five (5) business days for institutional review and signatures.
- [NIH Weekly Funding Opportunities and Notices](#) - January 15, 2021
- American Osteopathic Association
 - [AOA Research Grants](#) for DOs, MDs, and PhDs
 - [Research Opportunities](#) for resident physicians, fellows and osteopathic medical students
- [Wells Fargo Philanthropic Services](#) (Search for Opportunities)
- [Experimental Biology 2021](#) will be held April 27-30, 2021 as a virtual meeting.
- [AACOM Educating Leaders 2021](#) will be held April 20-22 as a virtual event.

- [American Academy of Osteopathy Convocation](#) will be held March 17-21, 2021 (*Currently being planned as a hybrid event*)

CLINICAL TRIALS INFORMATION

• *Clinical Trials Information*

[TrialSite News](#) is a digital media resource dedicated to transparent and open coverage of clinical research trial sites around the globe.

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

- **Case Report Guidance** ○ Many of you have informed us of your intent to publish a case report. Please consult our [Case Report Publication Guidance](#) for additional information as you prepare your manuscripts for submission. While IRB approval is generally not required for Case Reports, the College expects that authors have secured permission for medical record access and follow all applicable regulations, policies and procedures. Please feel free to contact the [Office of Research](#) if you need additional guidance.
- **Information on Publishing Venues**
 - The Office of Research and the Burrell College Health Sciences Library are available to assist with any questions that you may have regarding appropriate places to publish your research.
- **Cureus Journal of Medical Sciences**
 - Cureus is an open access peer reviewed medical journal based in San Francisco, CA that offers free publication for articles that follow their author instructions.
- **Journal of Osteopathic Medicine**
 - The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association (JAOA) is now the Journal of Osteopathic Medicine (JOM). The first issue of the new Journal will be out in January.
- **Call for COVID-19 Research Papers:** The JAOA editors invite researchers to share information and data about their experiences with COVID-19 with the osteopathic community.
- Are you interested in publishing a literature review? The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association has created a video that provides tips for putting together a quality [Systematic Literature Review](#)

RECENT AND FORTHCOMING SCHOLARLY WORK BY BURRELL COLLEGE RESEARCHERS

(Please email us with your news and we will add it to future Updates.)