1. GENERAL
   The SHSU-COM shall develop research programs for students and faculty that are appropriate to the institution's mission, size and stage of development.

2. RESEARCH SUPPORT

   2.01.   The SHSU-COM will maintain dedicated facilities to support research and scholarly activity of faculty, staff, residents, and students in the following areas:
   - Osteopathic Principles and Practices/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
   - Clinical and population health
   - Biomedical Science
   - Medical Education (Scholarship of Teaching and Learning)

   2.02.   Each full-time COM faculty receives protected time for research and financial support to disseminate their work.

   2.03.   The COM provides an integrated longitudinal research curriculum introducing students to the core concepts of the scientific method and application of evidence-based practice.

   2.04.   The COM will provide faculty, staff, residents, and students opportunities to obtain funding through the competitive intramural grant program.

   2.05.   The COM will provide financial support for students to engage in faculty led research through the Medical Summer Scholars Program (MSSP).

   2.06.   The COM will provide funding for the Student Travel Award Program to facilitate student travel to disseminate research and scholarship findings.

   2.07.   The COM will provide laboratory personnel, space, and equipment required to meet the faculty, staff, and students research needs.

3. RESEARCH OVERSIGHT
   University Level Oversight

   3.01   The research compliance bodies (Institutional Review Board, Institutional Biosafety Committee, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee), established by the University shall be used in all appropriate cases

   3.02   All COM faculty, staff, residents, and students engaged in research within or outside SHSU must have a priori approval from the appropriate compliance body (IRB, IBC, IACUC) prior to engaging in the proposed research.

   COM Level Oversight

   3.03   The SHSU-COM will maintain a Research Committee (RC) that shall advise the Dean about research policies and the allocation of research resources.

   3.04   The RC is comprised of no fewer than six appointed faculty members, elected student members from each class, and ex-officio members representing COM & SHSU leadership.

   3.05   The primary goal of the RC is to support faculty, staff, residents, and student research and contributions to scholarship.

3.06   The SHSU-COM RC serves its mission through a range of initiatives that support student-driven research and scholarly activity, as well as student participation in research and scholarly activities of the faculty. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Providing guidance on all matters related to scholarly activity at the COM
- Collaborating with the SHSU Office for Research and Sponsored Programs and Graduate Studies
- Overseeing the planning of scholarly events
- Nominating candidates for research awards
- Providing advice and guidance to the Dean on programs and projects that enhance the scholarly environment

3.07   All externally submitted works, including abstracts, manuscripts, and grants must be approved by the respective department chair prior to submission.

4. STUDENT RESEARCH

4.01   Students wishing to conduct research in conjunction with SHSU faculty/staff must be currently enrolled and in good academic standing. Students not currently enrolled and on a break between semesters (e.g., summer/winter/spring break) may still participate in research endeavors as long as they are currently registered for the next sequence of classes and in good academic standing. Students must follow SHSU guidelines on ethical conduct of research.

4.02   Students must complete appropriate training through the CITI program

4.03   Students must complete any additional outside training when mandated

4.04   Students presenting research must follow the Student Travel Guidelines included in the Student Handbook