

EXPECTATIONS OF THE GENERALIST SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Student Name: _____

Due: November 1, 2013

The goal of the program is that after you graduate from medical school, you will continue to practice in one of the primary care fields of family medicine, general internal medicine, or general pediatrics.

Program Requirements:

Maintaining satisfactory academic progress (as defined by no failing grades in the first two years, no grades less than B- during the third year, and no failing grades during the fourth year), and conformance with the non-academic standards of the University of Virginia, School of Medicine.

You must complete the Program, graduate from the School of Medicine, and match in a primary care residency in order to receive any repayment of the Lawson Generalist Loan. If you do not graduate from the University of Virginia, School of Medicine or do not match in a primary care residency, or if you decide to leave the Program before you graduate, then you must repay the Lawson Generalist Loan, pursuant to its terms.

You agree to meet the following attendance requirements outlined below:

Preclinical Period (Semesters 1 – 3)

- Attend at least 60% of all GSP bi-weekly faculty/student lunch sessions
- Meet with your GSP mentor at least twice each year

Clinical Period (Semesters 4 – 8)

- Attend as many of the lunch meetings as rotation and elective schedule permits
- Meet with your GSP mentor at least twice each year

During semesters 4 – 8 (year 3 or Year 4) students are expected to complete one of the following and prepare a brief presentation (10-15 minutes) to the rest of the GSP community at a faculty/student lunch session:

1. Read an article on a primary care related topic and write a 100-200 word review that summarizes the key points and conclusions. Submit the review to the GSP administrator via email to be shared with the GSP community.
2. Compose and submit a letter to the editor on a topic related to primary care. Send a copy of your letter to the GSP administrator via email to be shared with the GSP community.
3. Compose a written reflection on a meaningful clinical experience. Submit a copy of the reflection to the GSP administrator via email to be shared with the GSP community.
4. Select a topic of interest and prepare a brief presentation (10 – 15 minutes) to be presented to the GSP community at a curricular lunch session.
5. Propose and seek approval from the Program Director for an activity of similar scope and magnitude as the above that would be meaningful and appropriate to share with the GSP community.

4th year – Attend the scholarship rehearsal and scholarship presentation event.

If a student is pursuing an MPH degree, he/she is expected to attend lunch meetings to the extent possible.

Students will be paired with a faculty mentor who will be available for regular meetings. Students and mentors will work towards the development of a plan for the required GSP scholarship project during the first year of classroom work and students will seek the mentor's assistance in completing the scholarship project during the remaining three years of medical school.

During the summer following the first year of medical school, students will be required to spend a minimum of seven weeks working on primary care research/scholarship related to their scholarship project. Funding is available to support students during this time. Students are expected to present their project at the Medical Student Research Symposium during the fall of their second year.

Fourth year Generalist Scholars are required to take the GSP Elective, "Motivating Behavior Change", which is scheduled during the first two weeks of Period 4. Any exception to this must be approved in writing by the faculty mentor and Program Director.

Loan Requirements:

As a Generalist Scholar, you will be offered a \$10,000 per year non-need based Lawson Generalist Loan. The Lawson Generalist Loan is interest-free during the in-school period and will be applied directly toward payment of your tuition and fees. If you successfully complete the Generalist Scholars Program (the "Program"), graduate from the School of Medicine, and match in a primary care residency, the \$10,000 per year Lawson Generalist Loan will be forgiven.

Deceleration:

Students electing to decelerate their academic schedule must submit a request for continuation in the Generalist Scholars Program. In general, students decelerating because of academic difficulties will be discontinued from the Generalist Scholars Program.

Reasons for Probation

- Failure to meet the attendance & participation requirements of the Generalist Scholars Program
- Failure to meet with one's mentor

Reasons for Scholarship Non-Renewal:

- Withdrawal from the School of Medicine.
- Change in career goal to non-primary care specialty.
- Unapproved leave of absence.
- Student placed on academic or other probation.
- Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Continuation:

Students will submit to a yearly review by their mentor to ascertain suitability for continuation in the program. At that time, expectations of the program will be reviewed. Yearly reviews will be approved by the mentor and the director of the Generalist Scholars Program and a status of "continuation, probation, or termination" will be determined. Students on probation will have one semester to meet the program expectations before dismissal from the Generalist Scholars Program. Expectations will be discussed and signed during this yearly review and must be signed by **November 1** for the upcoming academic year. Yearly reviews will be approved by the mentor and the faculty of the Generalist Scholars Program.

By my signature below, I certify that I have read and understand the expectations of the Generalist Scholars Program:

Print Name _____

Signature of Loan Recipient

Signature of Mentor, Generalist Scholars Program

(Date) _____

(Date) _____

Recommendation of the GSP Faculty:

Continuation

Probation

Termination