

RESEARCH DISTINCTION TRACK CURRICULUM

Year
ONE

AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Orientation RDT Introduction	Information Session on UCSF British Medical Journal (BMJ) online course & RDT	Complete online CITI RCR Training	Request support for UCSF BMJ online course*	Begin prerequisite UCSF BMJ online course*	Facilitated exploration of current research opportunities, research faculty/mentors, and identifying a primary research mentor				Begin summer mentored research opportunity*	Summer Mentored Research Project*	
					Apply for summer research opportunity*					Begin attending research seminars, lab meetings*	

Year
TWO

Complete prerequisite UCSF BMJ online modules*	Application due for the RDT; Acceptance/ Rejection Notification in February	Initiate required UCSF BMJ modules for RDT students
Confirm primary research mentor; Complete Independent Research Plan (IRP)*		Initiate IRP and any other mentored research projects with research mentor
Continue mentored research project*		Required participation in research seminars and research mentor/lab-specific meetings, journal clubs, and conferences
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Year
THREE

Complete required UCSF BMJ modules for RDT students	Midpoint Review due: Notification in February	Begin manuscript/submission to journal with research mentor
Continue IRP with research mentor		Continue IRP with research mentor
Continue participation in research seminars and mentor/lab-specific meetings, journal clubs, and conferences		Continue participation in research seminars and mentor/lab-specific meetings, journal clubs, and conferences

Year
FOUR

Manuscript preparation/submission to journal with research mentor	Graduation Review due; Notification in February	Complete any outstanding MRSC requirements	Graduation
Continue participation in research seminars and mentor/lab-specific meetings, journal clubs, and conferences			

* Prerequisite for students interested in Research Distinction Track (RDT)