Undergraduate Research Flight Plan – BS/MD Program Scholars
(Med Direct and Wilkes Medical Scholars)

Year 1:

- Review BS/MD Program Expectations and Requirements document found here
- Introduction to Office of Undergraduate Research & Inquiry (OURI) & Prestigious Fellowships
  - Schedule an appointment (virtually or in-person) through Navigate Success
    - To learn more about OURI and undergraduate research
    - To learn more about Prestigious Fellowships and complete Intake Form
- Attend one OURI workshop and/or join the Prestigious Fellowships Canvas Course
- Attend the OURI Undergraduate Research Symposium in Spring
- Identify possible faculty mentors to research under
- Complete CITI training – Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) modules
- Become an AMSA FAU member – student club through Owl Central

Year 2:

- Continue to review BS/MD Program Expectations and Requirements document found here
  - If you are a student on the Boca campus, apply for Honors in the Major Programs
- Identify a faculty mentor and begin working with them in research
- Complete other research training as discussed with faculty mentor
- Work with the Prestigious Fellowship Office to identify and apply for fellowship opportunities
- Work with faculty mentor to apply for an OURI Undergraduate Research Grant or the FAU WAVE Competition.
- Prepare for and/or take the MCAT and open a file with Pre-Health Professions Office
  - NOTE: If you are considering being promoted to FAU COM after 3 years, MCAT will need to be accomplished during Summer of Year 2
- Spring:
  - Participate in a spring break alternative or mission trip (service/community) project
  - Present at the Undergraduate Research Symposium (consult with your faculty mentor)
- Summer: Apply for an internal/external research experience for undergraduates
  - OURI Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (Faculty mentor applies)
  - NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates
  - Other research funding opportunities

Year 3:

- Continue to review BS/MD Program Expectations and Requirements document found here
- Continue working with faculty mentor in research
- Shadow medical professionals (as appropriate)
- Complete MCAT and apply for medical school
  - NOTE: If you are considering being promoted to FAU COM after 4 years, MCAT will need to be accomplished during Summer of year 3
- Consider applying for the Undergraduate Researcher of the Year (UROY)
- Present your research at a regional or national conference (consult with your faculty mentor)
- Consider submitting a publication on your research through the Florida Atlantic Undergraduate Research Journal or other regional and national journals (consult with your faculty mentor)
Year 4:

- Shadowing medical professionals (as appropriate)
- Submitting your research to the Florida Atlantic Undergraduate Research Journal or to other regional or national journals (consult with your faculty mentor)
- Consider applying for the Undergraduate Researcher of the Year (UROY)
- Present your research at a regional or national conference (consult with your faculty mentor)
  - Undergraduate Research Symposium in Spring
  - Life Sciences South Florida (LSSF) - Regional and STEM-focused
  - Florida Undergraduate Research Conference (FURC) - Statewide
  - National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) - National
- Matriculate into medical school

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