



## **Research at the ECU School of Dental Medicine: The Summer Scholars Research Program**

Advances in healthcare occur as an outcome of questioning the status quo and investigating scientifically-based alternatives. It is essential that the next generation of dentists learn to improve oral health through research. Program participants will have the opportunity to achieve an appreciation for the research behind the dentistry they will practice.

The School of Dental Medicine will provide selected dental students with the unique research opportunities through the Summer Scholars Research Program. This program allows dental students to perform research under the direction of faculty of ECU's Health Sciences Campus.

The objective of the program is to provide SoDM students with the tools they will need to develop and answer questions through research. The program trains students to identify research questions, design a study that sufficiently answers the specific question, analyze and interpret data in a meaningful way, and effectively present results so that they can have the broadest possible impact. Students will discuss and receive feedback regarding their projects and learn how to create an abstract and poster presentation from their work.

- The Summer Scholars Research Program will officially start June 1 and continue through August 14.
- Meetings will be held where students will have a chance to discuss and receive feedback regarding their projects.

Students will present their research at the:

- Summer Scholars Research Day for Brody School of Medicine
- Celebration of Research and Scholarship Day for School of Dental Medicine

For more information on the program, contact Dental Research at [dentalresearch@ecu.edu](mailto:dentalresearch@ecu.edu)  
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