

<b>NON-CREDIT ELECTIVE TITLE</b> <b>Students Interested in Research (SIR)</b> <b>Research Studies Practicum</b>		<b>COURSE NUMBER</b> MDC 0934	<b>LOCATION</b> PISCATAWAY AND/OR NEW BRUNSWICK
<b>ELECTIVE DIRECTOR(S)</b> CELINE GELINAS, PH.D.	<b>ELECTIVE FACULTY</b> VARIOUS RWJMS FACULTY	<b>ELECTIVE CONTACT</b> CELINE GELINAS, PH.D.	<b>CONTACT PHONE &amp; EMAIL</b> PH: (732) 235-4550 <a href="mailto:rwjmsresearch@rwjms.rutgers.edu">rwjmsresearch@rwjms.rutgers.edu</a>
<b>BLOCKS AVAILABLE</b> SPRING	<b>DURATION/WEEKS</b> 7-12 WEEKS	<b>HOURS PER WEEK</b> VARIES	<b>STUDENTS</b> NO LIMIT
<b>LECTURES/SEMINARS</b> No	<b>OUTPATIENT</b> NA	<b>INPATIENT</b> NA	<b>HOUSESTAFF</b> NA
<b>NIGHT CALL</b> No	<b>WEEKENDS</b> NO	<b>LAB</b> YES	<b>EXAM REQUIRED</b> NO

**NOTE: Students must take MDC 0933 (Students Interested in Research: Research Studies Lecture Series) prior to taking MDC 0934.**

**OVERALL EDUCATIONAL GOAL:** The medical scientist research program was developed to maximize exposure of students to the varied research experiences and interests at RWJMS. The overall goal is to encourage and facilitate the entry of students into constructive research activities during medical school.

**OBJECTIVES:** The objective of this elective is to provide students with more intensive exposure to the specific research area(s) of their choosing. This exposure will allow students to further narrow their research interests and will expose them to research strategies, methodologies, and techniques in a given field. The intent of this elective is to give students the tools needed for them to pursue further research opportunities, including the summer research fellowships offered by RWJMS.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:** Students who successfully complete the fall SIR research studies lecture series elective (MDC 0933) can choose to work in a RWJMS faculty member's laboratory or with a research group for one afternoon per week, at a minimum of two times per month. Students may attend the laboratory session of more than one research mentor. Students are expected to spend at least 25 hours of time during the semester engaging in research activity in order to receive credit. While the elective targets M1 students, M2 students can also participate.

**METHOD OF EVALUATION:** For this spring elective, students must complete a minimum of 25 hours during the course of the semester to receive credit. To receive credit, students must also submit to the Elective Director the Spring Research Studies Practicum Completion Form, which must be signed by the research mentor(s) confirming the student's involvement in the research activities for the appropriate number of hours. The form may be found at <http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/research/mst/electives.html>. Note: Students must participate in the SIR Research Studies Lecture Series to gain credit for the Practicum.

## Spring Research Studies Practicum MDC 0934 Research Studies Practicum

Student Name:

Class Year:

Email:

Phone #:

For this elective to be noted on their transcript, students must complete a minimum of 25 hours during the course of the semester and submit this completed form to:

[rwjmsresearch@rwjms.rutgers.edu](mailto:rwjmsresearch@rwjms.rutgers.edu)

Date:	# of Hours	Advisor Name	Advsiior Email	Bldg Rm #	Advisor Signature