

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Program Expectations – SURF Trainees and Preceptors

Trainees:

- Identify preceptor and collaborate with them to establish a project, including budget
- Submit project via SURF application. All projects should:
 - o include a clear testable hypothesis
 - o include a corresponding analysis plan that addresses the hypothesis developed in coordination with a statistician
 - o be designed such that the student can complete all aspects: literature review, data collection, data analysis, and presentation of the results
 - o have the prospects of being publishable in a scholarly peer-reviewed journal
- Enroll in Research Design and Methods (DENTEL 530 – Research Methods Seminar) spring quarter
- Enroll in 6 elective independent study credits with your preceptor during summer or summer/autumn quarters (depending on year in DDS program)
- Submit progress report in September
- Submit final paper in December – final paper should be formatted as a publication for a scholarly journal
- Present project at Research Day in January

Preceptors:

- Work with students to develop a feasible project to be completed in 3 full time equivalent months, including any budgetary needs (the project should ideally be an extension of a project ongoing in your research team)
- The goal is a high quality manuscript submitted to a scholarly peer-reviewed journal within 6 months following Research Day with the trainee as first author or co-author
- Know all SURF deadlines and work with trainee to meet them all
- Commit to regular check-ins with the student (e.g., once per week)
- Grades must be submitted for all independent study research credits associated with your trainee
- Preceptors who haven't had at least two prior SURF trainees should pair with an experienced SURF Preceptor who agrees to co-mentor the trainee
- Preceptors should limit themselves to one first time SURF trainee per cycle.

Application: 2026 program

DUE DATE: December 5, 2025 11:59 PM

1	Student Applicant Information	Name _____ Telephone _____
	Address	_____ _____
	e-mail	_____
	Prior Degrees	Degree _____ Field _____ Institution _____ Date _____
	Student ID Number	_____ _____
2	Preceptor Information	Name _____ Position _____ Dept. _____
	Co-Preceptor (if required)	Name _____ Position _____ Dept. _____
3	Title of Proposed Project (Not to exceed 53 typed spaces)	_____

4	Check One of the Following Statements	☐ This application does not include activities involving human subjects. ☐ This application includes activities involving human subjects. Our institutional committee reviewed and approved it on _____ (Approval No. _____), in accordance with our assurance approved by the Public Health Service. This project will be subject to continuing review, as provided for in that assurance. ☐ This application, which includes activities involving human subjects, is pending review by an institutional committee as provided by our assurance approved by the Public Health Service. Certification of completion of the review will be provided as soon as possible, and prior to the use of human subjects.	
5	Supplementary Information	☐ Ionizing radiation ☐ Diving ☐ Pathogenic Organisms ☐ Other Safety Considerations ☐ Chemical Carcinogens, Mutagens, Teratogens, Hazardous Chemicals ☐ Use of Laboratory Animals	
6	For Animal Use (check one)	☐ This project has been approved on _____. ☐ This certification is pending review by the Division of Animal Medicine. Certification of review will be provided prior to any animal use.	
7	Student Commitment to Training Period & Report	Acceptance of funds entails an obligation to submit a report of activities carried out during the funded period. This report should be in the form of a scientific manuscript prepared for publication, and it should be submitted to The Office of Research at dentres@uw.edu by December 11, 2026 at 5:00 PM. Eleven weeks' FTE training is required, and will be fulfilled as shown in the Project Timetable (Form Page 5). Student is also required to present a poster at Research Day 2027.	
	Approval/Acceptance Signatures	_____ Student Applicant _____ Preceptor _____ Co-Preceptor (if required)	

10	Elective Credit Six (6) elective credits can be obtained in the Summer Quarter 2026 for completion of the Program requirements. These elective credits are offered in the Preceptor's department, and the Preceptor serves as the Course Director. Attendance at a weekly Research Methods seminar (DENTEL 530) is expected of all students; participation in this seminar carries one (1) elective credit in Spring Quarter 2026. ☐ I wish to receive elective credit for the Research Methods seminar ☐ I wish to receive elective credit for my Research project. Student's Signature ☐ I agree to serve as Course Director for the student's elective Preceptor's Signature
11	Project Description Please provide a description of the proposed research project (6 PAGES). You should include: 1. Summary of proposed project (not to exceed 300 words) including hypothesis statement. 2. An introduction containing a review of published literature and other observations which serve as the basis for the project. 3. A statement of rationale and research objectives for the project. 4. A description of the experimental protocols to be carried out. 5. An explanation of how the data will be managed and processed, including statistical analysis where appropriate. 6. A statement of the significance of the work relative to the knowledge in that general area. 7. Bibliography with citations for referenced items. The research proposal should not be more than a maximum of 6 pages, double-spaced typing. It should include sufficient detail for satisfactory review by the Research Advisory Committee of the School of Dentistry.

PROJECT TIMETABLE (TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL STUDENTS)

Complete the table below showing what activities you plan to undertake during each period. List activities sequentially and be as specific as possible. Add bullets as necessary.

Time Period	Project Activities	# Weeks	% Effort (Student)	Weeks of FTE Effort (# Weeks x % Effort)
03/22/26-3/28/26		1	100%	1.0
03/29/26-05/30/26	Research Methods Seminar	9	11%	1.0
05/31/26-07/11/26		6	10%	0.6
07/12/26-08/29/26		7	100%	7.0
08/30/26-12/05/26		14	10%	1.4

TOTAL = 11.0 WEEKS