

Department of Radiation Oncology Policy

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Research Elective Requirements

At UVA, we value the collaboration and community of our residents and faculty in the education environment. In addition, we hope that these research rotations provide time to focus on quality improvement projects and publishable research. As such, there are certain procedures that must be followed during each rotation. For an elective Research rotation, the resident must submit a research proposal to the Program Director and their research mentor. The resident will also be required to have frequent meetings with the research mentor. The resident should be working in person at ECCCC every day. If necessary, teleworking can be requested in advance to the PD. The request must include the dates you would like to telework and the location from which you will be teleworking. Up to 8 days per month of an elective month can be taken as remote work when approved. A list of accomplishments and/or duties will be expected when applying for these elective remote days. While on a Research rotation the resident must attend all Sim Conferences, Resident Lectures, Didactic Lectures, Grand Rounds and any other departmental meetings in person.

Electives will continue to be 8 months with the option of extending by another 2 months with grant funding. If a manuscript is expected after an abstract, we suggest that the manuscript first draft be completed prior to attending the conference. Residents will be considered/favored for new research projects once a draft has been submitted for their previous project. Grant brewing sessions can be utilized by residents to come up with research proposals and discuss appropriate scientific principles for their projects. More new projects are contingent on appropriate performance in clinic and on in-service exams. When feasible and appropriate, resident input will be engaged in medical student projects.

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