



DONALD AND BARBARA  
ZUCKER SCHOOL *of* MEDICINE  
AT HOFSTRA/NORTHWELL

**Application for Graduation with Distinction in Research**

The purpose of the honorific award of Graduation with Distinction in Research is to recognize students at the Donald and Barbara Zucker Medicine students who have made significant progress toward a career as a physician-scientist or clinician-educator through completion of substantive research with potential clinical, translational, basic science, or medical education impact. ***Impact is defined as the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved.***

Requirements are as follow:

- The study must be based on research completed by the student after matriculation at the Zucker School of Medicine.
- The study should address a significant clinical, basic science, translational, or medical education topic.
- The study must test a stated hypothesis or medical education problem or innovation, and cannot be a literature review, general chart review or case/series report. However, analysis of previously acquired data or chart information to test a clearly defined new hypothesis or educational question is acceptable.
- The design of the study and the results must be such that potential impact is evident. This does not preclude a study with negative results being considered, if such results clearly illuminate the answer to a significant problem in a way that has strong potential impact. However, studies that were not adequately designed or completed thereby precluding potential impact will not be considered.
- The individual student must have made a substantial contribution to *all* of the following: the formulation of the hypothesis or stated medical education problem or innovation, the design of the study, completion of the study (data acquisition and analysis), and preparation of a manuscript that has been submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, with the student as author or co-author as per the school's authorship criteria.

This application has two sections: one to be completed by the student, the other by the mentor. A copy of the submitted or published manuscript should be attached to the application as a PDF.

\*Please note – MD/PhD students are not eligible for this distinction.

\*These guidelines will be effective as of May 1, 2018