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