

**YALE UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE POLICY**

Academic Credit for Matriculating Ph.D. Students and YSM MSTP Students

**Background**

During the Advanced Training Period (last 17 months) of medical school, students are required to complete 40 weeks of academic credit which must include a required four-week sub-internship, and the successful completion of the capstone course (3 weeks). The remaining 33 weeks of this period may be fulfilled by completing a combination of clinical and didactic electives, additional sub-internships, and research time. YSM MSTP students completing the requirements for the Ph.D. degree prior to entering this period, or students entering the Doctor of Medicine program who receive a Ph.D.\* prior to matriculating will be eligible for academic research credit toward the required 40 weeks.

**Policy**

A MSTP (MD/PHD) student fulfilling the requirements for the Ph.D. degree prior to entering the Advanced Training Period of the curriculum, or a student entering the Doctor of Medicine program who received a Ph.D.\* prior to matriculating at YSM will be eligible for a maximum of 25 weeks of research credit to be applied toward completion of the 40-week requirement for curricular activities.

The number of weeks credited for incoming students already holding a Ph.D. will be determined prior to matriculation by the Associate Deans for Student Affairs and Curriculum and the Director of the Office of Student Research (OSR).

Consideration will be given to the academic discipline and relevance to the field of healthcare of the thesis for the awarded Ph.D.

A YSM MSTP student may receive a maximum of 25 weeks of research credit contingent on approval of the student's advisor and the MSTP program Director.

\*Students will have successfully defended their thesis by the spring of the year in which they matriculate.