



Student Research Assessment Unit
King Abdulaziz University
Faculty of Medicine

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Student Research Assessment Unit (SRAU) is established to help students to produce high-quality medical research. Research is not only beneficial to society but also is one of the requirements to be able to graduate and be accepted in national and international graduate programs. In order to promote students-led researches at the Faculty of Medicine, SRAU will review, improve and assess the students' work at each step of the research.

SRAU Mission

- Evaluate students' researches at the Faculty of Medicine at King Abdulaziz University (FoM-KAU). All students who were admitted to the faculty since 2015 have to conduct research within their chosen field. The SRAU at FoM-KAU is assigned by his Excellency the Dean of FoM-KAU to evaluate those students' researches. To know about the evaluation/assessment procedure please see the below section.
- Issuing a Technical Clearance Certificate (TCC) for students' researches. Since 2015 any research which involves medical students at KAU need to get a TCC from the SRAU before it could be approved by the Unit of Biomedical Ethics.



Research Assessment Procedure

- 1- Small groups of students (Students' Panel) in the 4th year, will be supervised by a supervisor and will work as a team to design, conduct, analyze and interpret a study of high relevance and high quality.
- 2- Each students' panel is required to submit a concept note outlining the title, the research question and the study objectives (*Please use the concept note format developed by SRAU. You can find it at the SRAU website**). The concept note will be reviewed by the SRAU for public health relevance and acceptability. Students' panel should seek the SRAU approval before the end of the first semester.
- 3- After approval of the concept note by the SRAU, the students' panel is required to submit a study protocol to the SRAU at the 2nd semester of the 4th year (*Please use the protocol format developed by SRAU. You can find it at the SRAU website**). The study protocol of student's researches will be evaluated for methodological rigor and feasibility by the SRAU. Once the SRAU approved the submitted study protocol, a TCC will be issued.
- 4- Now, the students' panel need to obtain an ethical approval for their study protocol from the Unit of Biomedical Ethics at FoM-KAU (*Info on how to get the ethical approval from the Unit of Biomedical Ethics can be found at their website^e*).
- 5- After approval of the study protocol by the Unit of Biomedical Ethics at FoM-KAU, the students' panel is required to conduct the research according to the proposed study protocol. This should be done in the 5th year.



6- In the 6th year, the students' panel is expected to write the thesis (*Please use the thesis format developed by SRAU. You can find it at the SRAU website**) and submit it to the SRAU for evaluation before the end of the 6th year. The students' thesis will be evaluated for public health relevance, methodological rigor and impact on practice and further research.

What are the benefits of getting the TCC from the SRAU:

1. It is a requirement for submission of students' research proposals to the Unit of Biomedical Ethics
2. Your proposal will run in a fast track system at the Unit of Biomedical Ethics. So you will get the ethical approval in a shorter period of time.

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