

Protected Time for Master of Science in Clinical Investigation Candidates:

Faculty sponsors are asked to review and explicitly state in their letter of support that they will ensure MSCI candidates have adequate protected time to comply with the following MSCI program requirements:

- **Didactic coursework (20 graduate level credits):** For every 1 hour of face-to-face classroom time, MSCI students are expected to spend an additional 3 hours completing required readings and/ or assignments. For example, for each 1 credit hour course/class time, the expectation is 4 hours of protected time per week for the duration of the semester; for every 3 credit hour course, the expectation is 12 hours of protected time per week for the duration of the semester (3 hours in the classroom, 9 hours outside the classroom).

The 4-week summer intensive coursework requires a total of 6.5 credit hours of face-to-face class time. MSCI candidates require 26 hours per week to complete this introductory intensive course work.

- **Research (10 graduate level credits):** MSCI candidate are expected to spend at least 4 hours per week engaged in research per credit hour. For example, an MSCI candidate requires 8 hours of protected time for every 2 graduate research credits they receive.
- **Required Conferences:** Students are expected to attend and present their research in progress during the annual *CCTS Research Trainee Symposium*, a daylong event held in November of each year. MSCI candidates must attend a minimum of 9 out of 12 monthly *Translational Research in Progress (TRIP)* sessions every year and present their research at 1 session per year.