

Triple I FAQ

What is the advantage of opting into doing III?

- The vast majority of students who have completed the III in prior years agree that it is a valuable experience. The summer between MS1 and MS2 is your opportunity to go “off road” and engage in an experience that is unique to your interests. This shapes your perspective in your future practice and can help you find the parts of medicine you enjoy the most. Your experiences can also be helpful in residency interviews to illustrate your journey to that point. For these reasons, if you are able, we highly encourage you to engage in SoD, Sol, RUOP, GHIP, or any other scholarship experience this summer.
- As a registered student you will have access to faculty and III support. The degree of support available to unregistered students varies by Foundation site. We highly suggest reaching out to your Research Advisor for more information on what resources and opportunities are available at your site.
- Participating in the Medical Student Scholarship Symposium in the fall of your second year is a great opportunity to present your work to your peers and faculty. Participation is only open to students enrolled in III.
- Registration will ensure the III is on your transcript, which can serve as documentation that you were engaged in a formal scholarly activity.

Can I do a SoD, Sol, RUOP, or GHIP project without registering for the III?

- The only way to participate in RUOP or GHIP is to enroll in MEDSCI 501/503.
- For SoD/Sol projects, please speak with your site’s Research Advisor about whether or not you need to be enrolled in III in order to participate in a research project (guidelines differ by site).
- If you do not plan to enroll in III but still want to participate in research over the summer, it is very important that you discuss this with your research mentor so that they are aware that you will be a student volunteer and not a student researcher. Depending on where your research is taking place, some mentors may not be able to support your project if you are not enrolled in III.

Are we allowed to do a research project in a UW lab over the summer outside of III?

- Due to current UW COVID restrictions, student volunteers are not allowed to do in person research projects. Only students who are enrolled in a course may do in person research during summer 2021.
- If your project is 100% remote, you are not required to enroll in III, unless you are receiving a stipend for your research project.
- Students receiving a research stipend (e.g., MSTAR, MedStAR, INSIGHT programs), must enroll in MEDSCI 501/503 (even if the project is remote). NIH regulations stipulate that students receiving training stipends must be enrolled in courses at the time they receive their funding.

What if we want to do research in a lab that is not part of UW? Can we not volunteer without enrolling in a course?

- Please check with the lab you are interested in joining about volunteering restrictions and student enrollment requirements.

Will I still have access to EMRs if I don’t enroll in III?

- Access to EMRs may vary by Foundation site, so please check with your site’s Research Advisor.
- Students whose project is based in Seattle will have access to EMRs regardless of enrollment status.

University of Washington Medical Center/Seattle Cancer Care Alliance/Harborview Medical Center

- All Seattle Foundation MS1s currently have access to each of these EMRs (because their preceptorships are in Seattle). This will continue through the summer, even if you are not registered.
- All WWAMI MS1s, regardless of registration, can do the following to access these EMR:
 - o Your mentor will need to submit [this form](#) to request access.
 - o Complete any assigned training on the [UW Learning Hub](#). Contact Phaedra Allen pallen2@uw.edu with questions regarding training.

- o You should then email Phaedra Allen <pallen2@uw.edu> to request to be registered for “training and access to EpicCare.” In this email, please confirm that your mentor submitted the above form.

Seattle Children’s Hospital

- All students, regardless of registration, are on-boarded through the SCH Office for Teaching, Education and Research (OTER). Your mentor must request EMR access through OTER. Your access will be as a “student” or as a “researcher” depending on your registration status.
- If you or your mentor have any questions about this process, please contact Sara Fear, Medical Student Program Coordinator (medical.students@seattlechildrens.org).

Am I still covered by malpractice insurance if I don’t register for III?

- If you are engaged in a school-approved project or activity at any of the WWAMI sites, then you are covered by malpractice insurance over the summer regardless of registration status (as long as you are compliant).

I am pursuing one or more Health Equity Pathways, do I need to participate in III?

- For all pathways, registering for III is highly encouraged but optional.
- If you are not able to enroll in III, an alternative scholarly project will be required for the Indian Health Pathway and Latinx Health Pathway. All pathway directors are committed to working with students to reduce any barriers to completing the pathway requirements.
- For more information on alternative scholarly projects, please contact Dr. Heinen (cheinen@uw.edu) for the LGBTQ Health Pathway, Dr. Cabrera (dancab@uw.edu) for the Latinx Health Pathway, and Dr. Deen (Jason.Deen@seattlechildrens.org) for the Indian Health Pathway. When reaching out to the pathway directors, please cc Holly Letourneau (sal20@uw.edu), Manager, Multicultural Education (Office of Healthcare Equity).

I am a TRUST scholar, do I need to register for III?

- Yes, RUOP-III is required for all TRUST scholars.

Is the poster session optional in the fall, if I want to participate in III only for the summer portion?

- If you decide to participate and register for III, you will need to complete the required III coursework and present at the poster session to receive all credits. These courses are hyphenated, meaning that you will only receive a grade once you complete MEDSCI 503, III Final Project.
- Please refer to the III website for more details about Scholarship of Discovery, Scholarship of Integration, RUOP, and GHIP timelines [here](#).

Which course should we be registering for and when, if we are doing a SoD, Sol, RUOP, or GHIP?

- If you decide to participate in III, you will need to register for both MEDSCI 501 (6 credits) in summer and MEDSCI 503 (1 credit) in fall. These courses are hyphenated, meaning that you will only receive a grade once you complete MEDSCI 503, III Final Project.
- Registration information will be sent when the summer and fall registration periods start.

I applied to an outside research program and, unfortunately, I will not hear back until March. Do you have any advice on how to manage the timeline presented as I would like to be involved in RUOP or Scholarship of Discovery if I am not accepted into the outside research program?

- Please contact us, SoD & Sol at somiii@uw.edu or RUOP at somrural@uw.edu to discuss an adjusted timeline and backup plan if you are not accepted into the outside research program.

If I’m doing research at a different WWAMI site, do I need to contact a site-specific director?

- We recommend contacting both your Foundation site Research Advisor and the Research Advisor at the site you are relocating to, that way we can provide support if needed for your project and relocation.

Does being enrolled in III cost extra tuition? Is there any change to the tuition cost for the III credits?

- Tuition cost is specific to each Foundation site. Please contact the Financial Office if you have any financial concerns [here](#).
- If financial aid is needed, then students can participate in this experience and also qualify for financial aid since the III course (MEDSCI 501) is 6 credits, which is the minimum credit amount to qualify for financial aid.
- There is no change to the tuition cost for III credits when it is made optional since the content of the III experience does not change.
- To help minimize financial impact, III relocation funding is available if you are relocating to another WWAMI site to do a Scholarship of Discovery/Integration III experience. For more information, please reach out to Rachel Liao (somiii@uw.edu). If you are participating in RUOP, housing and relocation costs will be covered. Please reach out to Alex Lawson (alex406@uw.edu) for more information.
- Some Foundation sites have scholarships/stipends specifically for III projects. Please reach out to your site's Research Advisor for more information.

If you have other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us:

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