



POLICY TITLE: <i>Program-Related Activity Policy</i>	APPROVAL DATE: <i>June 7, 2018</i> <i>Revised September 1, 2022</i>
RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: <i>Office of Student Affairs</i>	APPLIES TO: <i>All Students</i>

## POLICY STATEMENT

Any third or fourth-year medical student in good academic standing who wishes to take up to one year away from the formal curriculum for enhancement purposes (i.e., conduct research outside of UC, engage in mission work, enroll in cultural exchange/language immersion programs), may request approval from the appropriate Performance and Advancement Committee (PAC) for Program-Related Activity (PRA) registration. Permission to participate in a PRA is at the sole discretion of the PAC. If a student is requesting a PRA after their M2 year the student must take Step 1 before beginning the PRA. Refusal to allow a student to participate in a PRA is not subject to any appeals or grievances.

A student enrolled in any other academic program at UC or outside UC is not eligible for PRA.

The student on PRA will be charged one credit hour of tuition per semester and will be registered as a full-time student at the University of Cincinnati. This enrollment status makes the student on PRA eligible to purchase student health insurance and defer student loans.

Academic credit will not be given for the Program Related Activity. Students on PRA are not eligible for financial aid.

To be enrolled in a Program Related Activity, the student must follow the procedure outlined below:

1. Meet with the Associate Dean for Student Affairs for initial approval of the plan
2. Submit a written plan for PRA to the appropriate PAC for final approval at least 60 days before the PRA is to commence
3. The plan is to include dates when the PRA will commence and end
4. A description of the PRA must specify what the student will do, who will supervise/oversee the student and if the student will be compensated for the PRA
5. At the conclusion of enrollment in PRA, the student will present a written report summarizing the PRA experience to the PAC. If there are any changes in the student's original PRA plan, the student is to notify the PAC as soon as the student is aware of the changes.

Certain programs at the University have clinical and/or external placements that are a requirement for program completion. To the extent permitted by law, Students enrolled in such programs will be expected to comply with all rules, policies, guidelines, and requirements of any third-party placement, including but not limited to vaccination and background check requirements. Any student's failure to comply with such third-party rules, policies, guidelines or requirements may result in the student not being able to complete and graduate from their program.