Independent Investigative Inquiry

The objectives of this requirement should lead the student:

A. To have first-hand experience in the acquisition and synthesis of new knowledge;
B. To understand a health-related issue in depth;
C. To foster a mentoring relationship with a faculty member outside the usual course structure;
D. To summarize the experience or findings in a written document.

Students will have the opportunity to select from four options that would lead to the completion of the Independent Investigative Inquiry requirement, including:

Selective 1: A hypothesis-driven investigation of a question developed by the student. This could be a MSRTP or RUOP research project (summer between years 1 and 2) or independent study using original research.

Selective 2: A critical analysis of the literature about a question developed by the student.

Selective 3: An experience-driven investigation of an issue developed by the student while participating in RUOP, CHAP, an international or other clinical experience.

Selective 4: A structured, 4-week course offered in winter quarter of the fourth year emphasizing critical reading of the medical literature.