

FRCT Deadlines for Class of 2026

May 19, 2023	Submit Proposal and Mentor Declaration Form. This is a soft deadline: You may ask for an extension. However, the proposal and mentor forms must be submitted before the research is begun.
July 1, 2023	If you are doing a summer research fellowship (e.g., orthopedics summer program, NIDDK, SPORT, etc.) and you want to use the research to satisfy FRCT, you must submit your proposal and Mentor Declaration Form by this date. Otherwise, that research will not be approved for your FRCT Scholarly Project.
Jan. 31, 2025	If you have not submitted an FRCT <i>Proposal</i> by this date, you will be required to schedule both a Research Elective ¹ month and an FRCT month ² by March 2025, for the fall semester of 4 th year (before Dec. 31, 2025). The Research Elective must precede the FRCT month. If the required Research Elective is not completed as scheduled, you will receive an “F” for that elective.
June 30, 2025	If you have not submitted your Final Report by this date, you will be required to schedule an FRCT month in the fall semester of 4 th year (before Dec. 31, 2025). If you want to be considered for a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement in Research, your Final Report must be submitted by June 30, 2025.
Jan. 15, 2026	Deadline to Submit Final Report If you have not submitted your Final Report by this date, you will receive an official incomplete. That incomplete will convert to a Pass or Fail no later than February 14 th , 2026. In addition, your situation will be discussed at the February Advancement Committee meeting to determine if you are likely to Pass FRCT by February 14 th and if it is determined that you are unlikely to pass FRCT, you will not be certified for the Match.
Feb. 14, 2026	If an approvable Final Report is not submitted by this date, you will receive an “F” for your FRCT Scholarly Project, and you cannot graduate in May.

¹Research Elective: A Research Elective is a one-month research project that must be approved by Dr. Greg Carey in the Office of Student Research. You must schedule a meeting with Dr. Carey at least 6 weeks prior to the start date of your elective, to discuss your plans. If you do not get all documents in to Dr. Carey prior to the start date of the Research Elective required for FRCT you will receive an “F” for that Research Elective.

²FRCT month: An FRCT month is an unstructured month that is put into your schedule to provide you with the time needed to complete your FRCT final report. If you are required to schedule an FRCT month, this month cannot later be rescheduled to another elective.