

FRCT Deadlines for Class of 2029

May 22, 2026 (First Year)	Proposal – Soft Deadline: Submit Proposal and Mentor Declaration Form. You may request an extension by emailing the FRCT course director. However, both forms must be submitted before research begins.
July 1, 2026	Proposal – Fellowship Deadline: If you are completing a summer research fellowship (e.g., PRISM, M4I, etc.) and want to use the research to satisfy FRCT, you must submit your proposal and Mentor Declaration Form by this date. Otherwise, the research will not be approved for your FRCT Scholarly Project.
Jan. 31, 2028 (Third Year)	Proposal – Final Deadline: All students must submit an FRCT proposal and Mentor Declaration Form by this date. Students who do not submit a proposal by this deadline will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Referred to Advancement for review and discussion of next steps.• Required to schedule both a Research Elective¹ month and an FRCT month² in the fall semester of 4th year (before Dec. 31, 2028). 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.• Ineligible for Option B project types (Case Reports, Case Series, Technical Notes, Meta-Analyses/ Systematic Reviews). After this date, only Option A projects will be accepted.
June 30, 2028 (Fourth Year)	Final Report – Preferred Deadline: If your Final Report is not submitted by this date, you will be required to schedule an FRCT month in the fall semester of 4 th year (before Dec. 31, 2028). If you want to be considered for a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement in Research, your Final Report must be submitted by June 30, 2028.
Jan. 15, 2029	Final Report – Final Deadline: If your Final Report is not submitted by this date, you will receive an official incomplete. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your situation will be reviewed and discussed at the February Advancement Committee meeting. If it is determined that you are unlikely to pass FRCT by the match certification deadline in mid-February, you will not be certified for the Match.• The incomplete will convert to a Pass or Fail by February 14, 2029.
Feb. 14, 2029	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. Follow the [instructions on our website](#) and schedule a meeting with Dr. Carey at least 8 weeks prior to the start date of your elective. If you do not submit all required documents by the stated deadlines, 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.