

FRCT Deadlines for Class of 2030

Sep. 2026 – Jan. 2027	FRCT Advising Session: Students are required to schedule an appointment with their designated OSR Faculty Advisor to discuss options for fulfilling the FRCT Scholarly Project requirement. Students will discuss their research interests and review opportunities for summer and year-off research.
May 1, 2027	Proposal – Recommended Deadline: Submit Proposal and Mentor Declaration Form. Students may request an extension by emailing the FRCT course director. However, both forms must be submitted before research begins. Submitting a proposal satisfies the May 1 FRCT Progress Checkpoint. If you do not submit a proposal, complete the Progress Checkpoint Form on VidaNova (details below).
May 1, 2027 Nov. 1, 2027 May 1, 2028 Nov. 1, 2028	FRCT Progress Checkpoints (Required): Students must complete a Progress Checkpoint Form on VidaNova every semester until a Final Report is submitted and approved. - Students will provide an update on their research progress, anticipated completion timeline, and any barriers or support needed. - Students who submit a Final Report are not required to complete any subsequent checkpoints once it is approved.
Jan. 31, 2029 (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: Referred to Advancement for review and discussion of next steps. Required to schedule the following courses in the fall semester of 4th year (before Dec. 31, 2029) - FRCT 519: Scholarly Project Research Block - FRCT 522: FRCT Writing Block FRCT 519 is incompatible with Option B project types (Case Reports, Case Series, Technical Notes, Meta-Analyses/ Systematic Reviews) as the opportunity to present at MSRD will have passed. Only Option A projects will be accepted for FRCT 519.
Jun. 30, 2029 (Fourth Year)	Final Report – Deadline: If a Final Report is not submitted by this date, students will be required to schedule an FRCT Writing Block (FRCT 522) in the fall semester of 4th year (before December 31, 2029). If students want to be considered for a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement in Research, their Final Report must be submitted by June 30, 2029.
Jan. 15, 2030	Deadline to Ensure Match Certification: If a Final Report is not submitted by this date, student will receive an official Incomplete. - Student's situation will be reviewed and discussed at the February Advancement Committee meeting. If it is determined that the student is unlikely to pass FRCT by the match certification deadline in mid-February, they will not be certified for the Match. - The Incomplete will convert to a Pass or Fail by February 14, 2030.
Feb. 14, 2030	Deadline for May Graduation: If an approvable Final Report is not submitted by this date, student will receive an "F" for their FRCT Scholarly Project, and cannot graduate in May.