Medical students enrolled in the MD/MSc in translational research dual degree program are expected to devote 100% of their time available for coursework, to their research and educational activities, and to meet a set of milestones for graduation. These activities are designed to ensure that individuals graduating from the program will not only have developed skills, but also a track record of accomplishments to assist them in their future career development.

Students are expected to complete the following in order to graduate:

In year 1:
- Submit an abstract to a regional or national meeting (as first or middle author).
- Submit a manuscript for a review paper related to your research area for publication (as first or last author).

In year 2:
- Be a lead author on an abstract submitted to a regional or national meeting.
- Prepare and submit a manuscript for publication (as first author).
- Prepare (and submit to the Executive Committee) a Master’s thesis of at least 10-20 pages (maximum of 25 including figures, tables and conceptual models) in length documenting research activities performed during the program.
- Prepare and submit an academic portfolio including copies of power point presentations, records of any awards or grants, and any other documents reflecting accomplishments during the training period.
- Present and defend Master’s thesis to faculty and fellow trainees.