

Attestation for GSBS MSTP students returning to studies at the McGovern Medical School in the current year

I understand and acknowledge that:

1. **I must provide a request for written approval from the GSBS Office of Academic Affairs (GSBS-OAA) and the MSTP Program Director before committing to return to MS3 or MS4.** GSBS-OAA will require that I submit a brief plan with dates by which I intend to defend my dissertation and complete all PhD degree requirements (including submission and acceptance of a first author or co-first author peer-reviewed research paper) – See attached.
If I have not already successfully defended my dissertation at the time of my request to return to med school, then GSBS OAA will poll the members of my faculty advisory committee to determine if they approve of my plan for return to Medical School.

2. **I will complete all PhD degree requirements and final exit paperwork prior to the last day of the GSBS Spring Semester in the academic year that I plan to graduate (for Spring 2026, this is May 9th).** I understand that degree requirements are published on the [GSBS website](#) and in the GSBS MD/PhD Milestones Agreement. As indicated in my letter of admission to the MD/PhD program, I will not be allowed to receive an MD degree unless I have also completed the PhD. And that if I fail to complete the PhD by the end of the GSBS spring semester of my final Medical School year then my MD degree will not be conferred until GSBS-OAA has confirmed that I have completed all PhD requirements. Also, I understand that my GRA support (including health insurance) will terminate on May 31st of the MS4 year.

Student Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____