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# UND SMHS Strategic Plan Individual Unit Report for 2021

## GOAL 2 for **Biomedical Sciences**

### LEARNING

**One UND Strategic Plan Goal 2: Increase undergraduate, graduate, and professional graduation rates.**

**UND SMHS Strategic Plan Goal 2: SMHS Units will expand their current systems of student support to ensure continued high graduation rates and improve student satisfaction with the overall quality of their education.**

### **1. Describe if/how your unit has addressed this goal.**

**The department implemented several changes based upon feedback received from students through the department strategic planning meeting as well as through their graduate student association.**

1. Students have opportunity to present research seminars yearly now in the department seminar series.
2. Students have increased opportunities for local departmental research awards.
3. Students have increase opportunities for private sector internships through partnerships with companies in Fargo and Minneapolis. A formal course for credit has been established.
4. Students have increased exposure to career opportunities from the graduate school.
5. A new research methods course is being developed to provide basic training in multiple research techniques.
6. Students have support for a graduate student association.
7. Students have representation at faculty meetings
8. Scheduled group meetings with SMHS Wellness Advocate Michelle Montgomery have been arranged.
9. Scheduled meeting with the Dean of the Graduate School have been arranged.
10. Faculty mentor training by the Dean of the Graduate School have been arranged.

## 2. Describe how your efforts are being assessed.

Readily quantifiable data is tracked by the Chair's office (student publications, job placement, years to graduation, etc.)

Student exit surveys were developed.

Periodic student satisfaction surveys have been developed.

## 3. Describe how your unit analyzed these data and what assessments were determined.

Survey results will be reviewed by the department graduate education committee annually and discussed at annual department strategic planning meetings.

## 4. Describe how your unit will implement any further changes and what barriers may exist.

Necessary additions or changes will be implemented after committee and department review.

**PROVIDE A RATING OF YOUR PROGRESS ON THIS GOAL: X  On Track;  Delayed;  Behind**

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**Additional Information on Goal 2 (optional):**

Insert any additional information here.