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FROM MASTERS AND DOCTORAL STUDENTS

1. Students, like any TraCS investigator, may have a one hour free consultation to talk to a TraCS biostatistician about their project. (When a six month period has expired since the consultation, the student may request and may be granted another one hour consultation).

2. Except for a one hour consultation, master’s papers and doctoral dissertations will generally not be accepted as TraCS biostatistical requests. (A result of the single consultation meeting may be a recommendation to the student to seek a biostatistician as a member on a dissertation committee or reader on a master’s paper.)

3. The biostatistical service will not provide data analysis for students’ master’s papers, dissertations, and class or curriculum-required projects.

4. Student requests for assistance with study planning in the preparation of an application for funding may be accepted to receive biostatistical services.

5. In rare instances where a student request is not for a master’s paper or doctoral dissertation or class or curriculum-required project, the request will be considered based upon its merit like all other requests, that is, its potential to build institutional and team-oriented capacity in translational research, lead to funding and/or peer-reviewed publications.

6. For all accepted requests from students, it is required that the advisor attend the initial consultation meeting with the student and biostatistician. Attendance of the advisor at any follow-up meeting is strongly encouraged.