

TDK- Scientific Circle

Students of the Medical Faculty have the possibility of joining research groups during their education. This research experience is very beneficial to students because it teaches you and allows you to experience scientific advancement and may even lead to publication.

The Student Science Study Group (TDK) are groups of university students who voluntarily take part in research under the guidance of a topic supervisor. The aims of the TDK are to introduce students to medical research (with the collaboration and help of tutors/researchers), when they learn the basics and ethics of scientific research and communication, acquire knowledge of techniques that will support their practical and academic development in the medical field, become familiar with international research achievements, become part of the scientific community, disseminate collective results, become acquainted with postgraduate doctoral schools and participate in a preparatory course that will help students applying for postgraduate training.

Participation in TDK research does not excuse a student from fulfilling the obligatory curriculum. The students that are involved will have an opportunity to present their results at the annual TDK Conference of the Faculty or any other national or international conference. Students can receive credit points for successful work within the TDK and the results can be included in the course report book.

The conditions for joining may vary between departments, for example there may be special consideration for those with an academic average of at least 4.0 and a working knowledge of a foreign language. Any student who wishes to participate in TDK activity should contact the teacher/researcher whose research he/she is interested in. The student's application to join the TDK is assessed by the chairman of the institute/clinic (e.g. on the basis of academic results and language knowledge).

The earliest a student may register for a TDK course is after completing four semesters successfully, i.e. from the **fifth semester**. If a second-year student chooses to join a research group in the spring semester, he/she is entitled to take a TDK course in the autumn semester of the third-year; if a student joins a research group in an earlier semester, he/she will still only be registered for a TDK course in the third year.

Being part of this program means that you will have to meet certain expectations. These include regular participation in discussions, data-processing, independent laboratory or practical work and participation in a TDK Conference.

More detailed information, the rules, regulations, and all the necessary data on TDK are on the website of the Medical School (Student Science Study Group - see below):

<http://www.med.u-szeged.hu/english/student-science-study/student-science-study>

Here you can find detailed information on the application procedure and a list of all the departments. You can also contact the Secretary of Student Science Council at the Faculty of Medicine at **tdk.aok@med.u-szeged.hu**