As a medical student, you are embarking on a career in a profession which requires of its members high standards of ethical conduct and honesty. It is expected that each student will make a personal commitment to abide by a standard of behavior that will establish a firm foundation for future professional conduct and respect for the academic environment of Tufts University School of Medicine. This requires avoidance of any form of intellectual dishonesty as well as the demonstration of respect for the rights and well being of others, including all students, faculty, staff, patients, and other members of the Medical School community. Students are expected to be responsible citizens not only of the Tufts community but also the greater community. Students are expected to comply with all university policies, hospital policies, local ordinances, and state and federal laws. Students are expected to avoid activities that harm the reputation of the University or its members. Students also may not engage in conduct that poses a danger or threat to others. Notwithstanding the above, legitimate and peaceful activities, including but not limited to protests of certain University policies, whether expressed on or off campus, and provided that such activities are lawful and do not interfere with normal University functions, shall not be deemed to be a breach of this code of ethics. The Tufts University School of Medicine Honor Code further imposes an obligation on each student to take affirmative steps to ensure that other medical students comply with these standards of behavior.

**Academic Misconduct** is defined as conduct which intentionally misrepresents the academic accomplishments of the student, or which jeopardizes the fair evaluation of another student’s academic work. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of inappropriate materials brought into an examination room; copying the work of others during or outside of an exam (e.g. plagiarism); and any other acts or lack of acts which constitute a submission of someone else's work as your own without proper credit or reference.

**Professional Misconduct** encompasses violations of the ethical standards of the medical professions or infractions of the rules of Tufts University School of Medicine. This includes, but is not limited to, infractions of the Patient Bill of Rights; falsifying or altering clinical documents; and conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person.

Formal action to address violations of the Honor Code, when deemed necessary by the Dean for Students or his/her designee, will be taken in accordance with the Bylaws of the TUSM Ethics Committee on Student Conduct. The TUSM Ethics Committee on Student Conduct consists of eleven members: six faculty members and five student members. The student members will be made up of four elected committee representatives, one from each of the first, second, third and fourth year classes. The fifth member, an elected class officer, shall be appointed by the Dean.

**TUSM VISITING STUDENT HONOR CODE**

I agree to uphold the TUSM Standards of Academic and Professional Conduct. If I observe ethical (i.e., academic or professional) misconduct, in the interest of supporting these standards, I will take one or more of the following actions:

1. Confront the individual(s) to receive an explanation and to gain satisfaction that there was no intention of breaching the TUSM Standards of Academic and Professional Conduct. (It is expected that most incidents will be dealt with in this manner.) If satisfaction is not gained, I will take further action (see 2. and 3. below);
2. Consult with a student member of the TUSM Ethics Committee on Student Conduct regarding my observations in order to determine whether a written report should be made to the Dean for Students or his/her designee; and/or
3. Submit a signed written report of the alleged infraction to the Dean for Students or his/her designee.

If I am unsure as to whether a course of conduct will violate the TUSM Standards of Academic and Professional Conduct, I will discuss these actions with the Dean for Students or his/her designee.

I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the TUSM Student Honor Code.