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The primary goal of the School of Dentistry Oral Health Sciences Ph.D. Program is to train outstanding students to become advanced research scientists in their field of specific interest within the oral sciences. This training will prepare dentist scientists who will be strong candidates for faculty positions in dental schools at major research universities. Our students are strongly supported by the Dean and have varied funding mechanisms to support their programs that include School of Dentistry Dean’s Scholarships, a training grant from the NIH/NIDCR, faculty members’ research grants, and The Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies. Virtually all active Ph.D. students are registered during the academic year throughout their program of study. There may be an unusual circumstance where one of our Ph.D. students, who is making satisfactory academic progress, would not register under current practices. Under the new policy, the dissertation advisor would contact the Director of the OHS Ph.D. Program who would then work with the Dean’s Office to identify an appropriate funding source to cover the tuition. The School of Dentistry understands the purpose of the continuous enrollment policy and supports implementation of this policy.

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