

## **Policy 921 Master's Degree**

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### **Scope**

This Policy on Master's Degree applies to students ("Covered Individuals") of The Graduate School of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research ("School").

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Policy is to establish the conditions under which a student can pursue a master's degree.

### **Policy**

The School recruits, admits, and enrolls students exclusively for the Ph.D. program. The School does not recruit, admit, or enroll students whose primary objective is a master's degree. However, in certain cases, the School will confer a Master's of Science (M.S.) degree in Biology to students who, for various reasons and circumstances, elect not to complete the Ph.D. degree. Circumstances under which a student could revise their enrollment include, but are not limited to, changes in marital status; changes in parental status; caretaking of a parent, sibling, spouse or child; health issues; and other life changing events.

Students must meet with and receive written permission from their Supervisory Committee, in consultation with the Dean, prior to pursuing a master's degree, as outlined in Protocol 1029 (Master's Degree).

This Policy was approved by the GSSIMR Board of Directors on September 5, 2018.

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This policy will be reviewed again by the GSSIMR Board according to the annual policy review schedule.