

Policy 921 Master's Degree

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Scope

This Policy on Master's Degree applies to predoctoral researchers ("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 predoctoral researcher can pursue a master's degree.

Policy

The School recruits, admits, and enrolls predoctoral researchers exclusively for the Ph.D. program. The School does not recruit, admit, or enroll predoctoral researchers 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 predoctoral researchers who, for various reasons and circumstances, elect not to complete the Ph.D. degree. Circumstances under which a predoctoral researcher 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.

Predoctoral researchers 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.

This Policy was reviewed and amended by the GSSIMR Board of Directors on November 09, 2020.

This Policy will be reviewed by the GSSIMR Board of Directors in 2022.