

## **Policy 933 Transfer and Prior Learning Credit**

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### **Scope**

This Policy on Transfer Credit applies to faculty, staff, and students ("Covered Individuals") of The Graduate School of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research ("School").

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Policy is to set forth the rules and procedures of the School with respect to transfer of credit hours from another institution, credit for prior learning, and credit for experiential learning.

### **Policy**

No credit is given for hours earned at another institution. The School does not accept or award credit for prior learning experiences or experiential learning. Due to the structure of the School, courses taken at other institutions, prior learning experiences, and experiential learning are likely to be incompatible with and contrary to the School. The modular structure of the School's program, as opposed to the more common didactic courses at other institutions, immerses students immediately in a research dynamic that extends through their laboratory rotations and into their thesis research. Moreover, the program is organized around the core disciplines and state-of-the-art capabilities of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research (SIMR) itself and the faculty. To award credit for hours earned at another institution, for prior learning experiences, or for experiential learning would be contrary to the philosophy and structure of the School's program.

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.