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I. PURPOSE

School of Medicine PhD programs may confer an Intermediate Master's Degree (IMD) to recognize a student's achievements en route to a PhD degree. The IMD degree is not conferred automatically but rather upon a student's request.

II. POLICY

The School of Medicine (SOM) criteria for awarding an IMD to students enrolled in a SOM PhD program are as follows. Individual SOM PhD programs may have additional requirements.

1. Successful completion of graduate program IMD course requirements. IMD course requirements must be the same as those for the Terminal Master's degree.
2. Successful completion of additional SOM or University requirements (e.g., training in the Responsible Conduct of Research).
3. Successful completion of the Doctoral Board Examination.
4. Meeting at least two consecutive semester residency requirement as a full-time student.
5. Being a current SOM PhD student at the time of submitting an IMD application.

III. PROCEDURES

- PhD program requirements for the IMD must be clearly stated in the PhD Program's handbook.
- Eligible students may submit a request for an IMD to their PhD Program at any time. Requests will be reviewed by the Committee on Master's and PhD Programs according to the regular degree conferral schedule.
- Students who have graduated or left the SOM are not eligible to request an IMD.
- Students receiving an IMD are not eligible to participate in SOM Convocation, because these students have not completed their studies at the SOM.
- Students who receive an IMD but do not complete the requirements for the PhD degree should follow procedures for a Terminal Master's degree. The IMD and Terminal Master's degrees are equivalent. These students will not receive a second degree but will be eligible to participate in SOM Convocation.
- The SOM will provide the conferred IMD diploma by mail or by other means to the student.