

## **Classification of a Research Elective's Discipline**

### **Purpose:**

To provide a set of principles that defines the discipline of a research elective project.

### **Rationale:**

Determining the discipline of a research elective project has an impact on scheduling at the BUSM. Pursuant to BUSM policy, there are limits on the number of credits in a single discipline that may be taken and count towards graduation. These limits exist to promote a balanced curriculum. When taken for credit, research elective projects count against this limit. A set of principles is required to guide the administration, faculty, and students in determining the discipline of a research project. This information is then used by the Registrar to ensure that the BUSM's limit on coursework in a single discipline is not violated.

### **Scope:**

This applies to BUSM students who seek graduation credit by completing a research project through an approved research elective. This is conducted under a faculty mentor who sponsors and oversees their project. This assumes all prerequisites for conducting the research have been met. This classification is not necessary for students who undertake research without credit.

### **Recommendation:**

For the purposes of categorizing a research elective project, the following principles should be used:

- 1) A research project's discipline will be categorized by the clinical Department of the faculty mentor under which the project is being conducted.
- 2) If the faculty mentor holds more than one Department appointment, the project will be categorized under the Department most applicable to the project being conducted.
- 3) If a project holds multidisciplinary categorization, the project will be categorized according to the faculty mentor's primary clinical appointment.
- 4) If the faculty mentor does not hold any clinical appointment, the faculty's primary appointment will serve to categorize the project's discipline.