About the Program

The Master of Science MS degree program invites you to chart the course for the medicine of the future—regenerative medicine. This is one of the first Master’s programs in stem cell biology and regenerative medicine in the U.S. The program admits up to 35 students per year, depending upon applicants’ qualifications. The one-year program with an optional second research year offers courses in cutting-edge biomedical science, including developmental biology and human embryology, stem cell biology and regenerative medicine, and the translational and therapeutic aspects of stem cell technology. The program also provides practical hands-on laboratory training with human stem cell culture and imaging technologies. After completing this program, you will be poised to apply to a medical or PhD program, enter the growing stem cell pharmaceutical domain, or engage in other academic, clinical, regulatory or business ventures.

The Center

The research conducted at the Eli and Edythe Broad Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research at USC will have an impact on human health around the globe. Established in 2006 with a gift from Eli and Edythe Broad and support from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM), the center hosts world-class scientists who are harnessing the power of stem cell biology to treat: neurodegeneration; hearing loss; blood, heart and kidney disease; osteoarthritis and bone fractures; and cancer. USC’s talented researchers rely on the center’s state-of-the-art facilities in imaging, therapeutic screening, flow cytometry, and stem cell isolation, culture and engineering to move discoveries out of the laboratory and into the clinic. The center also serves as the heart of the Department of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine as well as the USC Stem Cell initiative, an interdisciplinary, university-wide collaboration that leverages the transformative power of stem cells to develop the therapies of the future.

Program Highlights

• Nationally Recognized Faculty
• Hands-on Experience
• Completion in One Year
• Training in a Growing Field
• Total Unit Requirement of 27 Units
• Partial Scholarships Available
Master of Science in Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine

The Curriculum

YEAR 1 – LECTURE COURSES
SCRM 511 Developmental Biology and Human Embryology
SCRM 513 Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine
SCRM 515 Bringing Stem Cells to the Clinic
SCRM 555 Writing About Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine
SCRM 580 SCRM External Speaker Seminar Series
DSR 610 Current Topics in Regenerative Medicine
DSR 620 Current Topics in Stem Cell Biology and Organogenesis

YEAR 1 – ELECTIVE COURSES (CHOOSE ONE)
Elective courses focus on historical and contemporary research in the following areas:
SCRM 517 HPSCs (Blood Stem Cells)
SCRM 519 Neural Stem Cells
SCRM 521 Tissue Development Engineering

YEAR 1 – LAB COURSES
SCRM 522L Biological Imaging in Stem Cell Research
SCRM 524L Culture and Differentiation of Human Pluripotent Stem Cells

OPTIONAL RESEARCH
Students are encouraged to seek out research opportunities in medical school laboratories during the year-long program. At the conclusion of Year 1, students may request permission to conduct independent research during an optional second year.

For more information and to apply, please visit scrm.usc.edu