## MD/Master of Science

The dual degree program offers opportunities for research in the areas of anatomy, bioethics, biomedical research, microbiology, physiology and neuroscience, and tropical medicine.

The curriculum for the dual Doctor of Medicine/Master of Science (MD/MSc) degree reflects the areas of applied investigative research. Medical students who wish to obtain a dual MD/MSc degree must decelerate the preclinical medical program (basic medical sciences) by six months to facilitate research activities which contribute to the MSc program. Depending on the concentration of the MSc degree, 10 appropriate credits of the MD degree contribute to the 34-credit MSc part of the dual degree.

Many of the dual degree program's research components are facilitated through the Research Institute of the Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation (WINDREF), a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization located on the True Blue campus of St. George's University. Depending on the specific area of research, studies may be conducted through community-based or field studies, or within WINDREF, in departmental laboratories, or in approved laboratories at other universities or institutes. Non-thesis dual degree options are also available. A Supervisory Committee oversees the MSc curriculum and research, which culminates in the production of a thesis. The MSc degree will be awarded upon the successful completion of the 10 required credits from the preclinical medical program and all prescribed graduate-level courses as outlined in the curriculum.

Admission criteria for entry into a master's degree program is an undergraduate degree from an approved university. Course requirements for the specific dual degree programs are outlined on the succeeding pages and more detailed information may be obtained from the Office of the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. Prospective students can apply online or download a PDF application from the SGU website at sgu.edu/apply).