

## **Changing status from MS to PhD**

A current BioE MS candidate may request that the Graduate Studies Committee change his/her status to a PhD aspirant. Before making the request, the student is required to have completed all general and track deficiencies and a minimum of two semesters (Fall and Spring) as a full time KU BioE graduate student with a minimum 3.5 GPA (graduate courses only). The following is required to be submitted to the Graduate Studies Committee: 1) the student's letter of intent for his/her PhD program of study and 2) the advisor's letter of evaluation on the student's level of preparation to begin his/her PhD program of study. The committee's decision will be based on the student's letter of intent, the advisor's letter of evaluation, and the student's academic performance as a KU BioE graduate student. Generally, a student without an undergraduate degree in an engineering discipline will be required to finish the BioE MS degree before pursuing the BioE PhD degree. Exception to this policy must be approved by the Graduate Studies Committee.