

M.D./PH.D. PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Molecular Biology has joined forces with UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (RWJMS) and Rutgers to create a multi-institutional M.D./Ph.D. program. It is Princeton's hope that this program will increase the breadth of our current graduate program with highly motivated and talented students seeking careers in the biomedical sciences.

ADMINISTRATION: The program Director is Terri Goss Kinzy at RWJMS. Lori Covey (Rutgers) and Liz Gavis (Princeton) serve as program liaisons. Administrative support is provided by Perry Dominguez (RWJMS) and Elena Chiarchiaro (Princeton).

ADMISSIONS: A maximum of six students are admitted each year by an M.D./Ph.D. Admissions Committee in coordination with the RWJMS Admissions Committee. The M.D./Ph.D. Admissions Committee is comprised of faculty from all three institutions, with Liz Gavis, Jean Schwarzbauer, and Yibin Kang representing Princeton.

OVERSIGHT: A separate Program Advisory Committee serves in a similar capacity to our Graduate Committee, overseeing the path and progress of each student. Liz Gavis serves on this committee.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE: Students must complete their first two years of pre-clinical coursework at RWJMS before they begin their thesis research. After completion of the Ph.D. requirements, students will resume their medical school training with clinical rotations. When the students have completed two years of clinical training, they will receive their M.D. degree from RWJMS.

ROTATIONS: M.D./Ph.D. students are required to complete a minimum of two laboratory rotations according to one of two plans, as described in the Rotation Information document.

PhD PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Students who are accepted by an advisor in, or affiliated with, the Department of Molecular Biology at Princeton University will enter our Ph.D. program and receive their Ph.D. degree from Princeton University. M.D./Ph.D. students in the Department of Molecular Biology must take two courses, which can be either core or elective courses, from the approved departmental course list. In addition, M.D./Ph.D. students must complete the general exam during spring of their second Ph.D. year.

FUNDING: Students will receive tuition and stipend from RWJMS for the two pre-clinical and two clinical years of medical school. Students who join labs in the Department of Molecular Biology will receive the same tuition and stipend awarded to students in our graduate program for the duration of the Ph.D. portion of the M.D./Ph.D. program. Currently, the thesis advisor is responsible for funding during the Ph.D. training years (see Funding Issues document).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND FORMS: Please see the M.D./Ph.D. program Website: http://www2.umdj.edu/gsbspweb/md_phd_program/index.htm.