

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

To the Prospective Graduate Student:

Thank you for your interest in our Biochemistry and Molecular Biology graduate program. We are affiliated with the Colleges of Natural Science, Human Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine and so our faculty have a broad range of interests. This provides for many types of research and graduate training experiences. Three areas in particular highlight some of our strengths: (a) structural and computational biology; (b) genes and signaling; and (c) plant biochemistry.

As in the past, the Department expects to provide financial support to all qualified doctoral students. There are approximately 7 semester hours of formal course requirements to be completed during each semester of the first year. Students also get research experience under a laboratory rotation system which complements the formal course work. These rotations enable the student to gain first-hand experience in the laboratory of several faculty members, providing the basis for an informed choice of a major professor at the end of the first year. Students initiating a research project can usually complete the requirements for the Ph.D. degree in about five years.

The on-line application form serves to apply for both admission and financial support. In completing and submitting application materials, please follow carefully the application instructions. Due to the large number of applications we receive and the limited number of assistantships available, you are strongly encouraged to submit your application and supporting documents as early as possible.

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When we receive your application, our Graduate Admissions Committee will review it and make appropriate recommendations. I will then notify you of the Committee's decision.

Thank you again for your interest in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department at Michigan State. We look forward to receiving your application.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. John Wang, the Chairman of the Graduate Admissions Committee or Jessica Lawrence, the Graduate Programs Secretary. The e-mail address is: bmbgrad@cns.msu.edu.

Sincerely,



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