

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

TO: Prospective Applicants from China
FROM: John L. Wang, Chair Graduate Admissions Committee
RE: Application Procedures

Thank you for your interest in the graduate program in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Michigan State University. Beginning Fall semester, 1995, the organization of a consortium to coordinate applications, for graduate admissions to biochemical sciences departments in the United States, from students in the People's Republic of China was started. The Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Michigan State has joined this consortium, designated CUSBA (China-United States Biochemistry Admissions), and will follow its procedures.

I am writing to provide an outline of the various steps of the application procedure, along with an approximate timetable:

- (1) To be considered for admission beginning Fall semester, 2010 students should complete the application form for graduate study at Michigan State University. Please follow the explicit directions provided on the application. The application and all supporting documents should be completed by December 1, 2009.
- (2) The Graduate Admissions Committee will make a preliminary screening of all the applications during the month of December, 2009. Those students whose applications are not competitive will be notified promptly so that they can pursue other plans to fulfill their career objectives. Approximately ten applicants will be chosen for the next step, the interview with CUSBA representatives.
- (3) Information on our top ten applicants will be forwarded to CUSBA by early February 2010. These ten applicants will be contacted in China and arrangements for on-site interviews will be made. The interviews, to be conducted by faculty members from the United States and China, will be held late February/early March 2010. A report on each applicant's performance during the interview will be sent to us by CUSBA.
- (4) The Graduate Admissions Committee will make final decisions on offers of admissions no later than April 1, 2010. These decisions will be forwarded to individual applicants, as well as to the CUSBA office in Beijing, China.
- (5) Applicants offered admissions to the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Michigan State are asked to respond to us by April 15, 2010. The CUSBA office will mediate the placement of all students offered admissions in the participating departments in order to avoid duplication.



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I hope the above information will be useful to you in the application process. If you have any questions, I shall be happy to answer them. Thank you again for your interest in our Department. I look forward to receiving an application from you.