

**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE PROGRAM IN
MOLECULAR, CELLULAR & DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY (MCDB)**

APPLICATION FOR CATEGORY P STATUS

MCDB is a doctoral program, so the Graduate School requires that MCDB faculty must have Category P status in the MCDB program. The detailed criteria for Category P status and the application procedure are described in [Section 3 of the MCDB Program Handbook](#) and [Section 15 of the Graduate School Handbook](#). The MCDB Graduate Studies Committee reviews applications for Category P status and nominates faculty that meet the criteria to the Graduate School.

Summary of criteria for Category P status in MCDB

1. The faculty member will hold a doctoral degree, and typically will have had additional postdoctoral research experience.
2. The Faculty member will hold an appointment as a regular, tenure-track Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor. Note that Research-track and Clinical-track faculty are not eligible.
3. The faculty member will have an ongoing (i.e., active) program of original and significant scholarly research in the field of molecular, cellular and/or developmental biology. Evidence of such activity will include recent publications in refereed professional journals.
4. With the exception of junior faculty, the faculty member will have a recent history of obtaining funding to support their research.
5. The faculty member will have shown a commitment to, and have experience with, doctoral-level graduate advising and training. Evidence of such a commitment and experience may include serving as advisor or co-advisor for one or more masters or doctoral students, serving on one or more candidacy, master’s or doctoral thesis committee(s), and/or other graduate teaching or mentoring activities. We recognize that junior faculty may have had little or no opportunity to gain such experience during their post-doctoral training and prior to gaining P status in a graduate program at OSU, so this criterion will be relaxed for junior faculty.
6. The faculty member should have an appreciation of what properly constitutes doctoral level work. Because we require a doctoral degree, we expect that the faculty member’s own experience will be an appropriate guide.
7. Faculty will normally be admitted to MCDB with Mentoring status, which permits them to take on rotating students and to serve as a thesis advisor. At the discretion of the Graduate Studies Committee, Faculty that do not meet the above requirements for publications and/or funding may be admitted with Participating Status, which permits them to participate in the program activities and serve as MCDB faculty on student committees, but not to take on rotating students or to serve as a thesis advisor.
8. The faculty member will be financially responsible for all MCDB students recruited into their lab. No attempt will be made to change an MCDB student’s academic program affiliation for any reason.

All nominees for Category P will sign below to affirm that they have read *Section 15: Graduate Faculty Membership* of the most recent Graduate School Handbook and agree to policies, terms and conditions in the MCDB Graduate Program Handbook. This signed document will be appended to the nomination paperwork.

I so affirm:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (printed): _____ OSU ID: _____

Department: _____ College: _____

Professorial rank: Assistant Associate Full

Appointment: Tenured or Tenure-track Research-track Clinical-track

List other OSU graduate programs in which you have P status: _____

M Status: _____