

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

APPLICATION FOR CATEGORY P STATUS

MCDB is a PhD 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 IV](#) of the MCDB Program Handbook and [Section 12](#) 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. Research-track may be eligible in certain limited circumstances. 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, so this criterion will be relaxed for junior faculty.
6. The faculty member should have an appreciation of what properly constitutes doctoral level work. Faculty members that do not hold a PhD must demonstrate this through their own body of work and mentorship.
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 Non-Mentoring 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 12: 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 (check one): Assistant Associate Full

Appointment (check one): Tenure or Tenure-track Research-track Clinical-track

OSU graduate programs in which you have P (PhD mentoring) status: _____

M (MS mentoring) status: _____

In addition to completing the Application for Category P Status form, you must also provide:

- A copy of your curriculum vita
- A cover letter that includes:
 - Your Departmental affiliation
 - A brief description of your research and how it fits in the research theme of the MCDB program
 - An indication of how membership in MCDB will be mutually beneficial to you and the MCDB program
 - Whether you would like to be Mentoring or Non-Mentoring faculty (Mentoring faculty are able to take on rotating students and serve as thesis advisors; Non-Mentoring faculty can serve as MCDB faculty on student committees but cannot take students into their labs)
 - A description of previous experience mentoring or advising graduate students
 - A description of the source(s) of funding that you have available to support a student

Faculty Participation in the MCDB program

Please indicate how you intend to contribute to the Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology graduate program. As a student-centered research program, faculty participation in program events is instrumental. Faculty participation and engagement is a requirement of MCDB membership and a list of some opportunities to participate are below.

As an MCDB Faculty member, I am interested and willing to contribute to the MCDB program by participating in some of the following each year (please check all that apply):

Serve as a moderator in the MCDB Student Seminar course

Serve as a small group leader in the grant writing course

Teach in a MCDB core course or elective

Serve on MCDB student candidacy and thesis committees

Attend the Molecular Life Sciences (MLS) Seminar Series

Host speakers in the MLS Seminar Series

Attend annual 3-Minute Thesis Event

Judge Posters or talks at the annual Life Sciences IGP Symposium

Attend annual IGP Orientation for new students

Interview prospective students at Nationwide Children's Hospital for our MCDB Recruitment Events (one or two Saturday mornings in January/February)

Present a short talk on your research at our MCDB Recruitment Event

Give prospective students a tour of your lab

Attend the Poster Session and interact with our visiting recruits at the MCDB Recruitment Events

Attend regular and/or minority recruitment events at conferences or other universities on behalf of the MCDB program

Accept MCDB students for 7-week lab rotations

Accept MCDB students for PhD training in your lab

Other (please list)

Research Focus

For our website and recruiting purposes, please check **up to three** of the following research focus areas that apply to you:

Bioinformatics

Cancer Biology

Cell Biology

Developmental Biology

DNA Replication & Repair

Gene Expression

Molecular Medicine

Molecular Neurobiology

Plant Molecular Biology

RNA Biology

Virology

Other Areas of Research

Please provide a brief description of your research focus. The information that you provide will be used for your faculty page on the MCDB website.