THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAM IN 
MOLECULAR, CELLULAR & DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY 
CATEGORY P QUALIFICATIONS 

1. The faculty member will hold a degree at the doctoral level, and typically will have had additional post-doctoral experience. The Faculty member must hold an appointment as a regular, tenure-track Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor to apply for MCDB Faculty membership.

2. The faculty member will have an on-going (i.e., active) program of scholarly research. Evidence of an active and scholarly research program will be the recent publication in refereed professional journals of research papers which involve analysis, synthesis, and/or integration of data and ideas, as appropriate to an individual sub-discipline of biology and/or medicine. The Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology (MCDB) Graduate Studies Committee is responsible for examining evidence of an on-going pattern of original and significant scholarly contributions.

3. The faculty member will have shown a commitment to and have experience with doctoral-level graduate advising and training. This experience can be shown by either 1) the completion of at least one plan A (thesis) master's student or 2) serving as co-advisor for a doctoral student who has maintained satisfactory progress in the program and is in at least the third year of study. In addition, the faculty member will have served on at least one other doctoral committee (and is expected to continue that service through completion of that student’s program of study) and the faculty member must have served as a member of either a Ph.D. candidacy examination or a final oral defense of dissertation examination. Additional evidence of experience and interest in graduate training might involve such things as mentorship of graduate students while the faculty member served as a post-doctoral student, or teaching in graduate level courses.

4. The faculty member should have an appreciation of what properly constitutes doctoral level work. Because we require a doctoral degree of level P faculty, we expect that their own experience will be an appropriate guide. In the case of clinicians holding an M.D. only, we will delay level P approval until they have served on at least one candidacy and one final doctoral exam.

5. In view of its feeling for and understanding of scholarly research in biology and medicine, the MCDB Graduate Studies Committee may nominate faculty for level P status who do not exactly meet the requirements noted above, but who otherwise show special mentorship talents or special benefits to the program. In such cases, relevant documentation will be cited or provided.

6. The Faculty member will be financially responsible for all MCDB students recruited into their lab, while ensuring that the student remains as an active MCDB student. No attempt will be made to change the student’s academic program affiliation for any reason.

7. All nominees for Category P will sign below to affirm that they have read Section XV of the most recent Graduate School Handbook, as well as the entire Handbook of the MCDB Graduate Program. This signed document will be appended to the nomination paperwork.

I so affirm: ___________________________________________ Date: ___________________

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