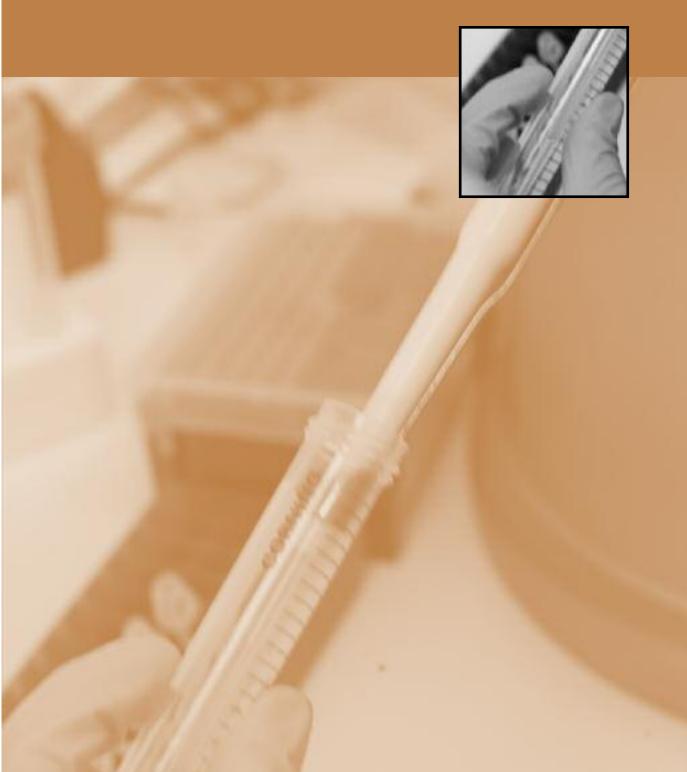
# GENETICS AND DEVELOPMENT • biological chemistry • biomedical



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#### **OBJECTIVES**

The Genetics and Development Graduate Program faculty provides education in interdisciplinary studies relating to growth, development, and inheritance. Fundamental principles in genetics and their application to the dissection of biological problems are emphasized. Training is focused on high-caliber original research and a discussion-based curriculum. The goal of this Program is to guide students to become outstanding and rigorous scientists, leading to independent careers in academics or industry.

# **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION**

Development Graduate Program must be enrolled in the Division of Basic Science and be in good standing academically. Usually students seek enrollment in the Program toward the end of the first year of study, following completion of the set of research rotations and selection of a mentor.

#### **CURRICULUM**

#### CORE COURSES

First-year students enroll in the Division of Basic Science Core Course and participate in three laboratory rotations. Students are expected to select a mentor by June of their first year of study and affiliate with a graduate program shortly thereafter.

#### REQUIRED COURSES

Students in the Genetics and Development Graduate Program are required to take the following courses (1.5 credit hours each):

Gene Expression Advanced Genetics I Hypothesis-Driven Grantsmanship

In addition, students must take either Topics in Developmental Biology or Advances in Germ- and Stem-Cell Biology.

#### ■ ELECTIVE COURSES

Students take an additional three credit hours of electives to accumulate a total of nine hours of advanced course work. These can be any advanced courses offered by the Division of Basic Science. Recommended courses hosted by the Genetics and Development Graduate Program include Quantitative Analysis of Genes and Genomes and Advanced Genetics II: Human Genetics.

Descriptions of the courses are listed in the Division of Basic Science section of this catalog.

Students complete advanced course work and qualify for candidacy by the end of the second year. All students participate in Works-in-Progress seminars and Journal Clubs. In the second year of study, each student takes a qualifying exam by preparing an original research proposal and orally defending it before a panel of program faculty.

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