

Chemical Biology Doctoral Program Talking Points

- It is not part of any existing graduate program; it is a free-standing program leading to a PhD in Chemical Biology. The faculty total about 40 and they are from 8 units/departments on campus.
- There are 22 students in program now; we aim to recruit 22 new students each year. The stipend for 2008-2009 is \$26,500 plus up to \$500 moving allowance. Full tuition and health benefits are provided.
- The program is 5 years. Students are supported as RA the entire length of program. Teaching experience can be arranged if desired.
- Students take 6 didactic courses and 2 rotations (more rotations are possible; e.g., summer before matriculation or as part of first summer in program). The candidacy exam is based on the student's thesis topic.
- Students have maximum flexibility in designing their own program of study: one core course designed specifically for this program, one journal club designed specifically for this program, remaining classes are from existing offerings on campus and are chosen by students in consultation with advisor. **THERE ARE MANY POSSIBILITIES.**
- There is significant mentorship and interaction with faculty and other students in program.