

## Cellular and Molecular Pathology (CMP)

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### **Application requirement?**

No

### **Graduate stipend (as of academic year 2022-2023)**

\$33,360 (matches SOM guidelines)

### **Enrichment funds**

\$2000 that must be spent within the first two years

### **Health insurance coverage?**

Covered by graduate program with option to enroll in vision/dental for extra \$

### **Health insurance enrollment deadline**

The enrollment period is typically August 1 - September 30

### **Does health insurance change if student is on a training grant or fellowship?**

Yes; pay out of pocket and get reimbursed every month. This is what the institutional allowance gets used for.

### **If awarded an F30/1, does the grad program decide how the institutional allowance is spent**

Yes

### **Internal funding sources**

Cellular Approaches to Tissue Engineering and Regeneration (CATER) T32 grant if relevant to research.  
Clinical and Translational Science TL1  
Other department T32s that are relevant to research.

### **Incoming graduate student orientation?**

No

### **Coursework registration dates**

August. Dr. Mars meets with students to discuss coursework and sign registration paperwork.

### **Course requirements for MSTP**

Molecular Mechanisms of Tissue Growth and Differentiation (MSCMP 2730)  
5 semesters of a journal club course (Pathology Research Seminar; MSCMP 2750)  
3 electives of choice

### **Milestones for MSTP students**

1. Comprehensive exam (by the end of the second fall term)
2. Second committee meeting and submit the Application for Admission to Candidacy form (before spring term drop/add ends)
3. Thesis defense to graduate

### **Required semesterly courses**

First 5 semesters only for weekly journal club course  
Monthly research-in-progress (RIP) throughout grad school  
8 in-person group meetings (less than 1x/month)

### **Teaching requirement**

No

### **How does the graduate program assess whether MSTP students are on track**

Annual progress report (based on submission of CV and summary of the year every June)

### **Required meetings outside of thesis mentor**

Meet with Dr. Mars every semester for registration (2x yearly)  
Meet with thesis committee at least 2x/year (must submit evaluation form after each committee meeting)