

Molecular Biophysics and Structural Biology

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Application requirement?

No

Graduate stipend (as of academic year 2022-2023)

\$33,360 (matches SOM guidelines)

Enrichment funds

Likely unclear and not advertised, but \$2000 total to be spent in the first year.

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

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

No

Internal funding sources

No. T32 ended in 2021 but attempts are currently being made to reinstate.

Incoming graduate student orientation?

Yes

Coursework registration dates

Summer prior to fall term (by the end of August)

Course requirements for MSTP

Same as regular MBSB PhD students, except TA and Foundation courses are exempted.

Students must take:

Three MBSB courses

Two electives

<https://www.mbsb.pitt.edu/index.php/training/mbsbmdphd>

See website for more details.

Milestones for MSTP students

Comprehensive exam at the end of the first year

<https://www.mbsb.pitt.edu/index.php/training/curriculum>

Required semesterly courses

Journal club for 7 semesters

Seminar throughout entire program

Teaching requirement

No

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

- 1) Annual progress report (students are evaluated once yearly by the MBSB Oversight and Evaluations Committee)
- 2) Meeting with supervising committee each semester after passing comprehensive exam and dissertation proposal

Required meetings outside of thesis mentor

Biannual thesis committee meetings