

Pitt Bioengineering
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Application requirement?

No

Graduate stipend (as of academic year 2022-2023)

\$33,000

Enrichment funds

One time \$2000 during first year

Monthly travel awards (must apply)

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; students will have to pay for insurance upfront and receive reimbursement from training grant or fellowship

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

Yes

Internal funding sources

Four T32s

- 1) Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine (TERM)
- 2) Bioengineering in Psychiatry (BiP)
- 3) Cardiovascular Bioengineering Training Program (CBTP)
- 4) Biomechanics in Regenerative Medicine (BiRM)

Several internal fellowships

Incoming graduate student orientation?

Yes

Coursework registration dates

July time frame for fall semester

Course requirements for MSTP

18 didactic credits

However, they are currently changing for Pitt BioE MSTP students.

Milestones for MSTP students

Preliminary exam at end of year 1

Proposal defense during year 2 or 3

Dissertation defense at end

Required semesterly courses

6 semesters of seminar

Also currently changing for Pitt BioE MSTP students.

Teaching requirement

Yes; two TA courses (no credit and no additional stipend; year 2 of grad school)

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

Annual progress report with advisor

Annual meeting with dissertation committee once formed

Required meetings outside of thesis mentor

Annual meeting with dissertation committee

Graduate program director is always available as needed