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BIOCHEMISTRY, CELLULAR & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Biochemistry, Cell, and Molecular Biology Application Form – Incoming Candidate

1. General Information

Name:

Date of Birth:

CMU Student number (if available):

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email Address:

I am applying to: ☐ Ph.D.: BCMB ☐ M.S.: BCMB

How did you find out about the BCMB Graduate Program? Please select all that apply:

☐ CMU BCMB Web Site

☐ Previous contact with future advisor

☐ Current advisor/mentor/faculty

☐ Other students

☐ Recruitment event

☐ Position posting on society web site

☐ Other

2. Faculty Interest

Students do not do rotations among multiple labs in the BCMB program; rather, students need to confirm a match with a faculty mentor prior to final acceptance in the program. You are encouraged to email BCMB faculty members to learn if they are taking new students and/or to ask more about their research programs. Faculty often ask students to meet for an interview to determine if the student will be a good match for the lab. Students are encouraged to independently try to match with a faculty mentor before they submit their application, but a second option is to submit your application with a list of 3 faculty whose research interests you. If a faculty member is interested, they will contact you.

A. If you have confirmation that a BCMB faculty member has agreed to work with you, write the faculty name below.

B. If you have not yet confirmed that a faculty member has agreed to work with you, list names of three BCMB faculty mentors you are interested in working with.....



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	Faculty Name	Statement of Interest
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3. Personal Statement

Provide a statement of research goals and interests (do not exceed 2000 words). A strong statement will address the following prompts in separate, labelled sections:

- Your **purpose** in applying for graduate study. Be specific about how graduate study will aid in your plans for your future occupation or profession.
- Any substantial or significant prior **research experience** (if applicable). *This experience may include independent or class-based research projects.* Of these experiences, provide detail on only one specific research project, including the research question or hypothesis addressed, the approach used, the results, and how this research project contributed to the knowledge in the field.
- Any **opportunities or challenges** you have encountered in your pursuit of an education, especially if they may have affected your academic performance or strength of your application (if applicable). Explain how you have dealt with these challenges.