

Statement of Mutual Expectations between Biochemistry and its Graduate Students

Graduate students in the Biochemistry doctoral program are expected to develop a mastery of their field, and gain familiarity with their discipline from arrival to graduation through active participation in research, seminars, and presentation at professional meetings. Students should make the transition from classroom learning to active supervised full-time original research during the first two years of their graduate career.

In particular, doctoral students in Biochemistry who arrive with a baccalaureate degree normally will:

- * Choose a thesis adviser by December of the first year.
- * Become engaged in research in January of the first year.
- * Secure advancement to candidacy within 2 years.
- * Submit a minimum of one paper for publication prior to graduation.
- * Complete all requirements and graduate within 5-6 years.

Graduate students in the Biochemistry doctoral programs normally may expect:

- * A wide selection of courses.
- * Advice and mentoring by program faculty prior to the selection of an adviser.
- * From their adviser (or, in some instances the program):
 - o Regular access and advice during the research and thesis writing process.
 - o Training in the preparation of oral and written scholarly presentations; in particular, advice and support for the writing of at least one paper for publication.
 - o Introductions, for example at conferences, to other members of the field.
 - o Assistance and advice with job searches.