

Students recruited and admitted through the Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program (BBSP) spend their three rotations in the laboratories of faculty affiliated with BBSP and receive full salary, tuition, and fees plus professional training during their first 10 months of graduate school through BBSP. After completing at least three rotations, students select one of these as their dissertation lab, and that lab will provide continuing academic and professional support through degree completion. To maintain both financial viability and fairness to the many units supporting BBSP, a student may neither rotate in nor join a lab not affiliated with BBSP. Faculty affiliated with BBSP can be listed on the BBSP website for the purposes of recruiting students. All BBSP faculty are expected to have funding available to support the graduate students that join their lab (including training grants). BBSP faculty are also expected to participate in BBSP recruiting and programming.

If a faculty member wishes to become BBSP-affiliated, the following criteria must be met:

1. Identify one or more PhD-granting programs through which students would earn their degrees. These must be one of the BBSP member programs. See <http://bbsp.unc.edu/phd-programs/> for list of programs. Each program has its own procedures and expectations for new faculty, and you should contact the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) for that program to learn more.
2. Obtain written financial commitment for the annual BBSP re-investment. Typically, the BBSP re-investment is paid by the Chair or Director of the financial unit where the faculty member's grants are administered, though it is possible for another unit to meet the financial obligation. Note that new dissertation students are either approved or refused annually by the unit paying the re-investment.
3. Determine which unit will be responsible for maintaining the student through degree completion in the event that the faculty member loses the means to fund the student's salary, tuition, fees, and research costs. Typically this commitment is made by the same unit paying the BBSP re-investment, but other arrangements are possible.

Principal Investigator (PI) Name

PI Signature

PhD Program You Are Affiliated with

DGS Signature of This PhD Program

Primary Appointment Department/Center

Financial Unit (where grants are administered)

Name of Financial Unit Chair/Director

Associate Dean for Graduate Education (Donita Robinson)

If you have any questions please contact Dave McDonald at davidmcd@email.unc.edu