

Article _ - BIOMEDICAL GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Section 1 Definition

A Biomedical Graduate Program is an interdisciplinary and interdepartmental unit that serves as the focal point for the educational and research requirements of graduate students trained by faculty with common interests, from one or more departments of the University, leading to a masters or doctoral degree. It is also the resource for the education of candidates in the post-doctoral fellowship programs in the basic and clinical departments.

Section 2 Relationship with Academic Departments

By establishing Biomedical Graduate Programs, it is recognized that certain topics, and emerging disciplines of importance to the University and Drexel University College of Medicine may be handled more appropriately by an interdisciplinary and interdepartmental faculty. The establishment of a Biomedical Graduate Program in a selected field does not alter the primary responsibility of the Departments to foster the scholarly work and teaching of their faculty. Departments and programs are expected to work together to accomplish the goals of the University and Drexel University College of Medicine.

Section 3 Biomedical Graduate Programs

The creation, addition and deletion of programs will occur at the suggestion of the Biomedical Graduate Committee with the approval of the Dean.

Section 4 Goals

Each Biomedical Graduate Program shall:

- Develop, facilitate, and participate with other Biomedical Graduate Programs in core interdisciplinary academic courses required for the education of graduate students.
- Develop, facilitate, coordinate, and conduct course work required for the education of graduate students within the program.
- Facilitate and oversee the advisor-directed research and mentoring of graduate students within the program that leads to the masters and/or doctoral degree.

Section 5 Governance

(A) The Senior Associate Dean/Associate Dean

- (1) The Senior Associate Dean for the Biomedical Graduate Studies shall be appointed by and report to the Dean of Drexel University College of Medicine.
- (2) The Associate Dean for the Biomedical Graduate Studies shall be appointed by and report to the Senior Associate Dean for Biomedical Graduate Studies. The appointment of the Associate Dean for Biomedical Graduate Studies will be subject to approval of the Dean of Drexel University College of Medicine.

(B) Directors

- (1) The Director of each Biomedical Graduate Program shall be elected by the faculty of the programs, subject to approval of the Associate Dean and the Senior Associate Dean for Biomedical Graduate Studies of Drexel University College of Medicine.
- (2) The Directors reports to the Associate Dean for Biomedical Graduate Studies of Drexel University College of Medicine.
- (3) The Director's term of office shall be for five years, although the Associate Dean of Biomedical Graduate Studies, in consultation with the Senior Associate Dean for Biomedical Graduate Studies, may request an earlier election.
- (4) Each Director is charged with the coordination and management of the faculty and student participation in the educational and research activities required for the education of graduate students within the program.
- (5) Drexel University College of Medicine shall support the administrative and academic infrastructure of the program.
- (6) Each Director shall interact with the students of the program with regard to educational issues, as appropriate.

(C) Steering Committee

- (1) Each Biomedical Graduate Program shall have a Steering Committee, the composition of which shall reflect the Department affiliations of the Program members.
- (2) The Steering Committee for each Program in the Biomedical Graduate Studies will be chaired by the Director of that Program.
- (3) The Steering Committee shall serve as the policy making body of the Program for program-specific issues, such as program-specific course, qualifying exams, etc.
- (4) The Steering Committee shall screen applicants for presentation by the Director of the Program to the Biomedical Graduate Education Committee for admission.

Section 6 Biomedical Graduate Programs Faculty

- Faculty members share the responsibilities associated with conducting education, research and mentoring of students enrolled in the Biomedical Graduate Programs.
- Faculty members of the Biomedical Graduate Programs, including the Director, must hold a full-time academic appointment in the University, and are subject to the authority of their primary Department Chair for all matters related to the faculty appointments, promotions and tenure.
- A University faculty member who wishes to become a member of a Biomedical Graduate Program must apply in writing to the Director of that program. The Director, after seeking approval from the appropriate Steering Committee, shall

forward the faculty member's credentials with a recommendation to the Biomedical Graduate Education Committee for approval.

- Appointments to the Biomedical Graduate Faculty are for a five-year term, after which the faculty member must reapply for reappointment.
- The appointment to the Biomedical Graduate Faculty may be terminated prior to its maturation by the Associate Dean for Biomedical Graduate Studies upon receipt of such recommendation from the Biomedical Graduate Education Committee or else in consultation with this Committee.

Section 7 Meetings of the Biomedical Graduate Programs Faculty

The purposes and functions of the faculty meetings shall be:

- To provide an opportunity for the faculty, as a whole, to discuss the Biomedical Graduate Programs policies.
- To provide a forum for ratification of major policy issues.
- To inform the faculty of pertinent activities of the Biomedical Graduate Education Committee.
- Meetings of the Biomedical Graduate Programs Faculty shall be held at least two times a year. One meeting shall be held during the Fall, and one during the Spring. The Associate Dean for the Biomedical Graduate Studies shall send written notice to all members of the Biomedical Graduate Programs Faculty at least ten days prior to each meeting.
- Special Faculty meetings shall be called by the Associate Dean for Biomedical Graduate Studies, Senior Associate Dean for Biomedical Graduate Studies, or the Dean of Drexel University College of Medicine, on his/her own accord, or within ten days of receipt of a written request to them from at least twenty (10) members of the Biomedical Graduate Program Faculty.