Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Graduate Programs – Admissions Information for the PhD in **Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology** (BCMB)

Program Admissions Details:
In 2023, the BCMB Program admitted 13 students out of a pool of 451 applicants. In August 2023, the total number of students in the program was 120. The average time to degree for this program is 5.7 years. Students in this program primarily work on the East Baltimore campus, with a smaller number working at the Homewood campus.

Students in the BCMB program are paid a stipend to support their living expenses (the 2023-2024 stipend is $37,600). Tuition costs for SOM courses are covered by the School for students in this Program (i.e., not paid by the student). Standard medical benefits for the student are covered. Benefits for the student's immediate family are available at additional cost to the student. Student stipends are subject to taxes. Students from Maryland with student loans may receive State tax benefits. More information is available here on our Financial Aid page. The University does not provide housing, though the housing office will provide advice.

All students who matriculate into the BCMB program are provided a living stipend for the duration of their PhD training. Applicants are encouraged (but not required) to apply for funding before beginning their training. Information about funding opportunities for U.S. students (including NSF GFRP and F31 grants) can be found here.

Program Details:
The application for this program is open from 9/1/2023 to 12/1/2023. In the time before the application is open, applicants may log in and begin their applications. The application can only be submitted in the period when the application is open.

Academic History & Prior Research Experience:
Applicants will need to list all colleges and universities they attended. A transcript will need to be uploaded from each school attended. Applicants with prior research experience share information about this including the institution and mentor, dates of participation, and any publications resulting from the experience.

Admissions requirements:
-   Applicants are **not** required to take the GRE for this program. GRE scores will not be evaluated even if they are submitted.
-   Applicants must submit a Curriculum Vitae (C.V.). This can be updated after the application is submitted, as long as the updates are before the graduate program's deadline.
-   Applicants must submit a one-page personal statement that describes their personal motivation for pursuing a career in science and their research experience. The research description need not be comprehensive, but should describe at least one meaningful experience in detail. The statement should conclude with a concise description of why they want to pursue their studies in the indicated program at Johns Hopkins University. The statement may also include a brief description of the applicant's contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion in science.
-   Applicants must identify **three** people who are familiar with the applicant's work and provide contact info for these references. The contact info will be entered into the application, and SOM

will contact the references and ask them to submit letters of recommendation on behalf of the applicant.

International Students:
- The University will sponsor visas for accepted students.
- International students whose native language is not English are required to complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). When taking the exam, applicants should request official scores be reported to Institution Code 5316 (the Department Code is not necessary). To report official IELTS test scores, please include the Test Report Form (TRF) verification number on the application. Scores must be received before the application deadline.
- The TOEFL requirement will be waived if the applicant has completed their degree in a U.S. institution, or is currently enrolled and will receive a degree from a university within the U.S. prior to matriculation at JHU-SOM.
- All transcripts, letters of recommendation, and parts of the Admissions application must be in English. The approved transcript service for use by international students is WES.
- International students are not eligible for waivers of the Admissions Application fees.

Getting to know you:
- Parts of the Admissions application collect information for mandatory reporting. These parts may ask applicants to select a pre-set category for gender, race or ethnicity. Other sections of the application allow applicants to share more details about how they choose to describe themselves.
- Application Fee waivers may be given to applicants based on family income (U.S. citizens only). The term *family* is determined by your definition. Families may involve adoptions, separations, and many other variations.

Admissions fees:
- An admissions fee of $115 dollars is required and must be submitted using a credit card. In some cases, this fee will cover applications to more than one program.
- For a complete description of the fee waiver process, please see the *Application Fees and Fee Waiver Instructions* on the On-Campus Admission website. Fee waivers are only available for U.S. citizens.

Application status website:
- Once their application is submitted, the applicant may follow its progress on the Application Status page. This page can be accessed upon completion of the application. The status page has the most current information.

Admission timeline:
- BCMB will begin reviewing applications after Dec 1 the submission deadline.
- BCMB will extend invitations to interview by the end of December. BCMB will fully cover the cost of the hotel, food, and will reimburse up to $400 for (travel) domestic flights, train, car, bus,

rideshare for applicants traveling to Baltimore for interviews. Interviews for this program will occur in two parts: one on January 25-28 and one on February 15-18, 2024.
- Letters describing acceptance, wait list status, or rejection will be sent by email. This information will also be available on the Application status website. Applicants selected for acceptance must choose to accept or reject the offer by April 15. On April 15, all accepted offers become binding.
- Orientation will be held on the third week of August, 2024. Students will begin their training at this time. The BCMB program only accepts students for fall matriculation.

Applicant survey:
- Applicants will receive a survey during the third week of April (after April 15) where they can provide feedback about their experience with the Admissions process. The survey will also ask questions about disability status of applicants.

Upon acceptance:
- Accepted students will undergo a criminal background check.
- Accepted students must submit official transcripts to the School of Medicine Registrar. This may be in the form of a digital transcript, which is submitted through a transcript service approved by the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Registrar. The approved transcript service for international students is WES. Transcripts may also be mailed directly from the Accepted student's school to the School of Medicine Registrar. Detailed instructions will be provided upon acceptance.

Communicating with the program:
- BCMB contact: ediaz5@jhmi.edu
- General questions: GradAdmissions@jhmi.edu

- For more info, please see the Program website: http://bcmb.bs.jhmi.edu/
  Admissions info: http://bcmb.bs.jhmi.edu/how-apply