

Molecular Biosciences Graduate Program
Graduate Faculty Qualification Standards

A. Regular Member 1. Qualifications

Molecular Biosciences (MBS) Graduate Program is an interdisciplinary program drawing in faculty from multiple departments and hence at present has no faculty of its own. Currently faculty who participate in the program have teaching and/or research appointments in various departments from the College of Sciences and Mathematics, the College of Agriculture and Technology, College of Business, and College of Education and Behavioral Science. Individual faculty who teach courses and/or are Research Advisors in the MBS Graduate Program hold a doctorate in an appropriate field. They must have regular graduate faculty status already through their respective departments and colleges. MBS program makes sure that faculty members who routinely teach the core courses of MBS program are regular members or obtain regular membership at A-State with a graduate faculty group through their respective departments. Before a faculty member teaches for the MBS Program, approval for such teaching must be made through the MBS Program Director.

2. Appointment requirements and procedure

Faculty who are Research Advisors or teach core courses in MBS must be active in their profession. They must include evidence of research, publication, membership in professional organizations, participation in regional and national meetings, and the applicant must meet the qualification standards of their department.

The MBS Graduate Program will use the six year term for a regular member.

3. Privileges and responsibilities

A Regular Member may teach MBS graduate courses, and with the approval of the MBS Program Director and the Dean of the Graduate School, a Regular Member may chair thesis, and dissertation committees for students pursuing an MBS MS (thesis) and doctoral degrees (dissertation).

B. Temporary Member

1. Qualifications

An individual with a terminal degree or documented knowledge and equivalent experience shall be eligible for appointment to the graduate faculty as a Temporary Member to serve on committees. It is preferred that individuals hold a doctorate in an appropriate field such as, (but not limited to) Biology, Biotechnology, Molecular Biology, Physiology, Neuroscience, Immunology, Plant Physiology, Protein Chemistry, Chemistry, Physics, Zoology, Soil Science, Crop Science, Animal Science and areas of Business Management. However, in special circumstances (for instance to teach technique course), individuals who have extensive professional experience that will benefit the graduate students in MBS may be recommended for temporary appointment to the Graduate Faculty even if they do not hold a doctoral degree.

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2. Appointment requirements and procedure

Individuals requesting Temporary status must provide a C.V. to the Program Director. The application will then be approved through the MBS Program Committee. The Program Director will then send the application to the Graduate School for final approval. Recommendations must include specific qualifications as related to membership. A final appointment is approved by the Graduate Dean for a specified time period. At the end of the specified time period, a Temporary Member of the Graduate Faculty may reapply.

3. Privileges and responsibilities

A Temporary Member may serve on graduate student committees, teach special technique courses and graduate status is valid for three years.