Anatomy and Neurobiology

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Overview
Research programs in the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology in the School of Medicine focus on the neurosciences. Faculty interests range across all areas of basic and clinical research including cellular and molecular neurobiology, mechanisms of development, ion channel physiology, experimental neuroanatomy, structure and function of sensory and motor systems, response to injury and regeneration. The Department maintains facilities for electron microscopy, laser confocal microscopy, and computer-based imaging and informatics. Students performing graduate work in the Department are encouraged to become proficient in multiple areas of study using interdisciplinary techniques.

The Department offers graduate training under the auspices of the School of Medicine in conjunction with the Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program (INP) and the Medical Science Training Program (MSTP). Students are eligible to enter the Department program after meeting the specific requirements of the INP gateway curriculum or by direct application to the Department. The Department program leads to the M.S. or Ph.D. degree in Biomedical Sciences, awarded after successful completion of all requirements.

In concert with other departments, a combined neuroscience core curriculum has been developed which includes offerings in systems neurobiology, neurophysiology, and cellular, molecular, and developmental neurobiology that may be taken as complete or partial fulfillment of the requirements of the INP. Students admitted into the INP who subsequently select a research advisor in the Department begin following the departmental requirements for the Ph.D. at the beginning of their second year; whereas MSTP students, in addition to following departmental requirements for the Ph.D., will be considered as a first-year student and are required to take at least one INP course. Students may take additional elective courses at their own option, but they are required to attend departmental seminars and participate in the Journal Club and an annual “Grad Day” symposium. The research topic for a student’s dissertation is chosen by the student in consultation with the research advisor. Students are expected to advance to candidacy by the end of the third year by presenting progress on their own research and providing a proposal for their research dissertation. The normative time for completion of the Ph.D. is five years, and the maximum time permitted is seven years.

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