

The University of Georgia

MICROBIOLOGY

DEPARTMENT



The University of Georgia (UGA) graduate program in Microbiology ranks among the best, and as you will discover from our website, our strength resides in the diverse research interests of our training faculty and students. Our graduate program encompasses a variety of departments, disciplines, and experimental approaches. Our students study microorganisms as basic biological models, as industrial and agricultural tools, and as major players in the environment and human health. By exploring these areas of microbial biology at molecular, organismal, and ecosystem levels, our graduate program offers broad-based training with a common focus on microorganisms. Our students graduate prepared for careers in research and/or teaching in academia, industry, or the government. For more information, visit our website at www.uga.edu/mib. Links will direct you to the graduate program and application forms.

FAQ:

Q: Are graduate students financially supported?

A: Yes. Incoming graduate students will be supported with awards starting at \$25,000 per yr for PhD students and \$23,000 for MS students. In addition, tuition is waived, medical coverage is subsidized by UGA, and students enjoy a low cost of living relative to most university towns.

Q: Can I visit the department?

A: Top applicants will be invited for an expenses paid interview. To assure consideration for our 2014 recruitment weekend (dates TBD), please complete your application by **December 1, 2013**. Applicants through January 1, 2014 may also be invited.

Q: How will I find an advisor? Should I contact faculty directly for admission?

A: Graduate students are admitted to the program, not individual labs, and they must rotate through at least 2-3 labs before a major professor is chosen. Potential advisors include the faculty in the Microbiology Department as well as those listed as "courtesy appointments" on our website. This includes ~35 faculty members altogether.

Q: Will my GPA and GRE be competitive for admissions?

A: All aspects of each application are considered, including transcripts, letters of reference, and personal statements. As a policy, we do not judge the likelihood of acceptability based on a short pre-application. You must apply.

Q: If I have a BS degree only, should I apply to the MS program?

A: Students with a BS may apply directly to the MS or PhD programs. If your goal is a PhD, direct application to the PhD program is advised.

Q: What are the degree requirements? How long do they take to complete?

A: Coursework and other requirements are listed on our website. Typically it takes 2-3 years to complete the MS program and 5-6 years for the PhD program.

Contacts: Please direct questions about our program and the application process to our program assistant Linda Sanders mibcoord@uga.edu. Direct other questions (e.g. regarding academic content) to the program coordinator Dr. Eric Stabb estabb@uga.edu.

Life in Athens, GA Athens offers many cultural and recreational opportunities with small town convenience. UGA's 8,000 graduate students enjoy a thriving music scene (rated #1 in the country by *Rolling Stone*), a world-class performing arts center (featured in live broadcasts on NPR), a 430,000 sq ft recreation center (rated top in the US by *Sports Illustrated*), sporting events, lively local art and theater communities, great restaurants, and proximity to Atlanta and the Georgia mountains, each only an hour's drive away.

