

Faculty Sponsor Form

This form is to be used by faculty members of the Department of Biochemistry who wish to sponsor an international student.

As the Admissions Committee members are usually not familiar with the educational institutions that most international applicants are applying from, making it difficult to assess the suitability of the applicants for our program. This form is meant to convey information from the Faculty Sponsor to the Admissions Committee and will be considered when making a decision on the application.

The sponsor must email this form to the graduate administrator by the deadline for a given cycle when the student applies.

1. Name of the Applicant:

2. Name of the Faculty Sponsor:

3. Please describe your previous interactions with the sponsored applicant. Did the applicant work in your lab or a colleague's lab, have you interviewed them in person or online, over the phone, or perhaps only by email correspondence etc. What about the international applicant impresses you?

4. Please comment on the student's transcript. The cutoff for PhD admission is **3.3 / B+ / 77** (or equivalent) in the last year; and **3.7 / A- / 82** for direct entry to the PhD program. We typically expect similar marks throughout the degree, especially in courses related to Biochemistry (e.g. Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and lab courses).

Departmental Graduate Sponsorship Agreement

I, _____ (sponsor's name), agree to act as the Sponsor of

_____(Student's Name) if they are accepted into the
____(Direct-entry PhD) / ____ (PhD) program in the Department of Biochemistry beginning Sept
20____ / Jan 20____.

In the event that this student is unable to secure a final lab after three rotations, I agree to assume the role of supervisor and will cover the full stipend as per the Faculty of Medicines Harmonized Student Stipend agreement.

*A sponsored student will be expected to complete one of three rotations in the Faculty Sponsors lab unless previous exposure to the lab can be demonstrated. In such cases, a waiver may be approved at the discretion of the Graduate Coordinator.

** Filling in this agreement does not guarantee that the student will be admitted to the department. Their application, together with this document, will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee and a final decision made.