



OXFORD/CAMBRIDGE-NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH Biomedical Research Scholars Program

PhD Program

The NIH, and Oxford and Cambridge Universities in Britain, have established a collaborative graduate program in biomedical sciences. Students typically spend 2 years in England at either school, pursuing tutorials and research on a collaborative project with an NIH intramural scientist. They also spend at least two years in an NIH lab continuing their thesis research project with doctoral degrees awarded by Oxford or Cambridge. The NIH is the largest biomedical research facility in the world and has trained over 100 Nobel laureates. Students design their own project in consultation with faculty.

Stipend

Students receive a stipend of \$24,800 per year (2006), health insurance and other academic support in England and at the NIH until degree completion. An option for combined MD/PhD training through a US medical school also is available to a limited number of students.

History

The program began accepting students in 2001 and now has over 50 students enrolled, working at Oxford, Cambridge, and the NIH. About 14 new students from all over the U.S. will be admitted to the program to start in the summer of 2007.

Eligibility

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents with a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and must have courses in biology, chemistry (both inorganic and organic), physics, and mathematics. Outstanding academic performance and exceptional promise for a career in biomedical research are required. Previous laboratory research experience is a strong qualification for this program.

Details

The application deadline is January 9, 2007. Oxford and Cambridge are formally separate programs, but combine admissions so students choose after acceptance. For further information see:

<http://gpp.nih.gov/Applicants/ProspectiveStudents/Oxford/>

<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~chri1906/index.htm>

<http://gpp.nih.gov/Applicants/ProspectiveStudents/Cambridge/>

<http://www.gurdon.cam.ac.uk/~sj304/Nih-cambridge/home.html>

