For the Week of August 20, 2012

Biomedical Sciences News and Events

Welcome Picnic and Orientation for the Incoming Class of 2012!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual IBGP/Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program Orientation and Welcome Picnic lunch this week on Tuesday, August 21 at 11:45 am. We are planning an outdoor barbecue lunch on the Graves Hall lawn, 9th Avenue side. Faculty member, Jim Waldman, and students will provide music and entertainment.

On this day we will welcome 29 incoming students to the College of Medicine's IBGP/Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program. The students are a very bright group. Here are a few highlights...

- average undergraduate GPA = 3.53
- average GRE scores = 74% (verbal), 71% (quantitative), and 55% (analytical writing)
- Seven of the students are enrolled in the Medical Scientist Training Program. Their average overall MCAT score = 33.7
- Five students are from underrepresented backgrounds (17%)
* 19 are from out of state (63%)

**Classes Begin Wednesday, August 22**

The first Autumn semester will begin Wednesday, August 22. Please make sure to check your schedules and contact the Biomedical Sciences Office if there are any issues.

**Other News and Events**

**Submit Abstracts for the 2013 Keystone Symposia Conference**

Submit an abstract now to present your work in a dynamic, interactive poster session at a [2013 Keystone Symposia conference](#). Or apply for a scholarship if you are a student or postdoctoral fellow. **September 10, 2012** is the first abstract/scholarship deadline for Keystone Symposia's January 2013 conferences. Submitting an abstract also makes you eligible for possible selection by the organizers to give a short talk.

[Click here to see a list of deadlines](#) occurring in the month of September 2012. For the most timely reminders, visit [the website](#) to download deadlines to your Outlook or other electronic calendar.

The conference season - more fully described at [www.keystonesymposia.org/meetings](http://www.keystonesymposia.org/meetings) - has something for everyone in the life sciences, including meetings on aging, cancer, cardiovascular/metabolic disease, development/stem cells, genetics/genomics, immunology, infectious disease, neurobiology and plant biology.

**Applicants Wanted for Intramural NIAID Research Opportunity Program**

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), one of the largest Institutes at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is seeking applicants for its Intramural NIAID Research Opportunities [program](#), which provides an invaluable opportunity for students with strong academic standing who are from populations underrepresented in biomedical research.

Candidates who are college-level seniors, medical school students, or doctoral candidates nearing their dissertation defense and from a population underrepresented in the biomedical sciences are eligible.

They are looking for dedicated science students interested in joining the NIAID research community. During the 4-day program, students will hear lectures from world-renowned scientists and interview for potential research training positions at the Institute's Maryland and Montana laboratories. This year's program marks 10 years of INRO and takes place in Bethesda, Maryland, on the NIH campus, February 4-7, 2013. Students' expenses for travel, hotel accommodations, and meals will be paid.

*[See the flyer here](#)* or *[apply online](#)
Fun Fact

New World Record Sky Dive Set

Earlier this month, 138 people joined hands in the middle of an 18,500-foot skydive setting a world record for the largest formation. The previous record of 109 people was set in 2009. Find out how many days and attempts it took here.