Attention All Students: Important Registration Dates

Friday, January 11 is the last day to add classes online for the regular semester and 1st session classes. Following this date, extra paperwork, signatures, and late fees may be necessary. Please check your schedules and register as soon as possible to avoid any issues. The last day for online registration for 2nd session classes is March 1. For more important semester deadlines click here.

Attention Students and Faculty Members: Updated Policies

The Graduate Studies Committee recently revised Appendix D and Appendix J of the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program Handbook. You can find the updated documents by clicking above or on our website on the Current Students tab under "Student Handbook and Forms". In summary, changes included:

- 1) the requirement for second year students to complete
Reminder to second year students: Your Candidacy Examination Committee must be selected and convene in the spring semester of the second year.

## Changes to Areas of Research Emphasis

The Biomedical Sciences Graduate Studies Committee recently approved the following title changes to Areas of Research Emphasis:

1. combine Molecular Virology and Gene Therapy with Microbial Pathogenesis - new name will be **Microbial Pathogenesis** (students currently enrolled in Molecular Virology and Gene Therapy will be allowed to complete this emphasis area, however this area is not accepting new students);
2. change name of Molecular Pharmacology, Pharmacogenomics and Therapeutics to **Experimental Therapeutics** (Gene Therapy interest students will be included in this Area); 3. name change of Biochemical and Molecular Basis of Disease to **Molecular Basis of Disease**.

See [http://www.biomed.osu.edu/ibgp/emphasis/](http://www.biomed.osu.edu/ibgp/emphasis/) for a list of course requirements for each area.

### Areas of Research Emphasis: Microbial Pathogenesis Reminder

IGBP 7240 (Microbial Pathogenesis), previously Microbiology 724, is a required course for students wishing to have the transcript designation "Microbial Pathogenesis" as their Area of Research Emphasis unless the student is doing his/her thesis work in a Virology-focused laboratory.

With the revision of the Biomedical Sciences core curriculum, IGBP 7240 will be taught in the **spring semester** rather than the fall semester. This will allow 1st year students to register for this course. This Spring semester it is being taught on **Mon/Wed/Fri from 12:40-1:35 in Graves 1195**.

Additional information about the Areas of Research Emphasis, including "Microbial Pathogenesis" is available on the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program [web site here](http://www.biomed.osu.edu/ibgp/emphasis/).

### Reminder: Dissertation Meeting Minutes Due Once/Year

Over the last few months we have been sending reminders about a new policy regarding Dissertation Meeting Minutes. After the first year, students should complete the "Dissertation Committee Minutes Form" form with their dissertation advisor only if they have not chosen their committee. All students who do not complete the "Dissertation Committee Minutes Form" by the end of the Spring semester every 12 months will receive a
"U", or Unsatisfactory, in IBGP 8999. After 4 years, the Dissertation Advisory Committee must meet every 6 months with forms due at the end of each semester. The form can be found under "Student Handbook and Forms" on the Current Students tab.

Medical Center News and Events

Women of Country Music Presentation featuring Dr. Steven Gabbe

The Medicine and the Arts Board has organized a presentation, "Women of Country Music" by Dr. Gabbe. In addition to being CEO of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Dr. Gabbe is well-known for his musical knowledge. His years at Vanderbilt in Nashville - Music City, USA - gave him a front-row view of the country music business. It will be held January 10 from 12:00-1:00 in 112 Meiling Hall. The event is free and open to all students, faculty, staff and friends of the Medical Center but, due to limited seating, they ask that you RSVP.

College of Medicine Art Show: Call for Art Submissions

The Medicine & the Arts Board members invite you to display your artwork in the College of Medicine's student, faculty and staff Art Show March 5, 6, 7, 2013. They are looking for all types of art; drawings, oil/acrylic paintings, photography, watercolor, sculpture, ceramics, glass, fiber art, jewelry, etc.

For more information see the flyer here. An application form can be found here and must be returned to Student.Life@osumc.edu by February 18, 2013 to allow planning for adequate display space.

Other News and Events

HHMI Med into Grad Scholars Program Call for Applications

The OSU Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Med Into Grad Scholars Program is now accepting applications from precandidacy Ohio State University graduate students. The application due date is February 15, 2013.

There will be two information sessions regarding the program:
- Thursday, January 10, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, 130 Biomedical Research Tower
- Friday, January 11, 1:00 - 2:00 pm, Conference Room 414 - Science and Engineering Library

Exceptional precandidacy OSU graduate students whose dissertation research is focused in at least one of six scientific emphasis areas including genetics, microbial biology, biomedical engineering, RNA biology, neuroscience or computational biology are eligible to apply for training in this program on a competitive basis.

Precandidacy graduate students interested in additional information or
applying to the program should see the flyer here, contact Kathy Froilan at kathy.froilan@osumc.edu, or visit http://medicine.osu.edu/go/hhmi

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10th Annual Russell Klein Nutrition Research Symposium: March 26

Save the date for the 10th Annual Russell Klein Nutrition Research Symposium. It will be held Tuesday, March 26, 2013 and the call for abstracts will begin soon. See the attached flyer.

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Fun Fact

New Years Eve History: Times Square Ball Drop

When New York City banned fireworks in 1907, an electrician devised a wood-and-iron ball that weighed 700 pounds, was illuminated with 100 light bulbs, and was dropped from a flagpole at midnight on New Year's Eve. Lowered almost every year since then, the iconic orb has undergone several upgrades over the decades and now weighs in at nearly 12,000 pounds. Read about more New Years Eve history here.

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