Goals for the NIH Biotechnology Training Program

- Create a scholarly and social infrastructure to facilitate new and strengthen existing interdisciplinary networks at UMass, particularly those at the interface of engineering and the life sciences;
- Educate students in the fundamentals of quantitative biotechnology through new lecture and laboratory courses;
- Train students to appreciate the impact of biotechnology commercially through a tailored industrial internship and regular interactions with industrial personnel;
- Provide students with opportunities to improve interdisciplinary communication, expand career opportunities, and sharpen professional skills; and,
- Increase the number of students, particularly those from underrepresented minority groups, who pursue careers in biotechnology.

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Biotechnology Training Program students will be trained in an interdisciplinary fashion that expands career opportunities and sharpens professional skills.

- **Traineeships**
  - NIH traineeships are available for domestic students
  - UMass traineeships are available for both foreign and domestic students
- **Industrial Internships**
- **Seminar Series**
- **Annual Symposium in Biotechnology**
- **Career Preparation Events**
- **Core Course in Biotechnology**
- **Lab Modules**
- **Mentoring from peers and industrial visitors and collaborators**

Our industrial partners are a hallmark of our training program.

BTP traineeships will typically be awarded to students to support their 2nd and 3rd years of study.

Students in any life science, physical science or engineering program can join, so long as their research relates to biotechnology.

Matriculated predoctoral students are recruited from BTP training faculty labs from five degree-granting programs:

- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Polymer Science & Engineering
- Veterinary & Animal Sciences
- Molecular & Cellular Biology

US citizens are eligible for NIH-supported traineeships, and all students from BTP faculty labs are eligible for UMass-supported traineeships.

Students at any point in their Ph.D. program wishing to participate in the BTP Program to take advantage of program benefits.

BTP Program Requirements

BTP students will complete a prescribed curriculum over two years and complete a 6-week to 6-month industrial internship.

Documents Required to Apply

- Completed Membership Application Form, https://btp.umass.edu/application-process/
- Official Transcripts: Undergraduate and Graduate
- Letter of support from UMass faculty advisor
- List of labs with whom you collaborate (internal and external)
- One-page summary of your research, emphasizing relevance to biotechnology and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Application Submission

The deadline to return the completed application for fellowships will be June 24th of each calendar year. Submit the application with the supporting documents that are listed above, to:

Prof. Jeanne Hardy
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General information about BTP traineeships is available at: https://btp.umass.edu/traineeships/