

**Subject:** NIH-Oxford-Cambridge Fully-Funded Doctoral Program in Biomedical Research



We would like to bring to your attention to the **NIH-Oxford-Cambridge Biomedical Scholars Program**, an interdisciplinary, accelerated training program with some innovative features that may appeal to your top students. Since 2001, scientists at NIH have collaborated with colleagues in Oxford and Cambridge to create a partnership PhD training program spanning the full breadth of research in these institutions. Every student admitted to the program is **fully funded** for the length of training.

When compared with traditional U.S. PhD programs, the NIH-Oxford-Cambridge partnership is designed to significantly reduce the time it takes to earn the doctoral degree. Our partnership students generally earn their degrees in four years, and graduates are easily obtaining excellent post-doc positions, faculty appointments, and positions with biotech companies, to name a few of the opportunities awaiting these highly qualified individuals.

As we work to recruit the **Class of 2010**, we will be searching for highly self-directed students with significant research experience who are ready to focus on a particular dimension of biomedical research in their chosen fields of study. Each year, we receive applications from the nation's top science students. Additionally, the NIH has cultivated agreements with the Rhodes Trust, the Marshall Commission, and the Churchill and Gates Cambridge scholarships, enabling these talented scholars to extend their master's degree programs into a PhD with a U.S. lab component. The program is also compatible with the **NIH MD/PhD Partnership Training Program**, which offers funding for combined M.D./Ph.D. training in collaboration with over twenty U.S. medical schools participating in the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP). For details about the M.D./Ph.D. options and training tracks, please consult <http://gpp.nih.gov/Prospective/InstitutionalPartnerships/MSTPatNIH/>.

Students admitted to the program choose a research project from a pre-existing list of collaborations (see our web site for the list) or are free to design their own project, often bridging different disciplines. They write a detailed research proposal during their first summer in the program and begin their thesis research immediately. We require that Scholars spend two years at the NIH and two years in the UK, working in the labs of their chosen mentors. They earn the doctoral degree from whichever UK institution they select for their doctoral work.

**The application deadline for 2010 is January 4<sup>th</sup>**, so please forward the email below to interested students. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. More information can be found at the program website (<http://oxcam.gpp.nih.gov>)