# Two new Programs of Study for the PhD in Biomedical Sciences

**UMass Chan** MEDICAL SCHOOL



Distinct preparation (UG major, graduate degree, research experience)

Targeted outreach and marketing preapplication

Separate admissions committee

Curriculum tailored to specific preparation and objectives

Some requirements common to all (QE, RCR, TRAC, Dissertation Exam)



### **Basic Biomedical Sciences Umbrella Programs**

## Currently Seven Programs, mostly thematic

Common requirements & timeline, Program electives

## Spring Yr 1 BBS Students affiliate with one program

UMBRELLA STUDENT PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION





**Biochemistry and Molecular** 

#### New BBS Umbrella Program: Systems, Computational, and Quantitative Biology (SCQB)

Training in quantitative and systems level approaches for student with undergraduate **preparation in life sciences**, **little exposure to quantitative sciences** 

Meet high enthusiasm, demand in student community demonstrated by exposure in core course, **high enrollment in existing Systems Biology course (BBS746)**, joining DSB for thesis research

Develop proficiency in computer programing in the context of biological systems

Focus on mathematical analyses and modeling of biological processes

Current BCB Program will be absorbed by SCQB

#### Leadership

- Hyun Youk DSB
- Robert Brewster DSB
- Manuel Garber GCB

### Membership

- DSB Faculty
  - GCB Faculty

Others by Approval of SCQB Executive Committee



### **SCQB Academic Plan**

	Fall	Spring	Summer	SCQB Courses BBS706 An
Year 1	BBS614 SIBR Research Rotation	BBS746 Any BBS Elective Research Rotations	Thesis Research	Emperical Introduction to Statistical Modeling
Year 2	BBS ### Quantitative Modeling and Analysis* BBS706/741 or any other BBS elective BBS602 QE Prep	Q Exam Thesis Research	Thesis Research	(Existing) BBS741 Advanced Topics in Bioinformatics (Existing)
Year 3	RCR, Seminars Thesis Research	Thesis Research, Seminars	Thesis Research	BBS### Quantitative
Year 4-6	Seminars, Research, and Completion			Modeling and Analysis (New)



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\*Course Directors: Hyun Youk, Manuel Garber

# Other Elements of the training program

All program faculty must teach in courses, serve on advisory and exam committees

Students attend and present in weekly trainee research seminar

Students attend quarterly meeting with Program Directors

Student attend quarterly meeting with program faculty

#### Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Process to Date

Proposal presented to GSBS Assembly May 2023

New Course **Quantitative Modeling and Analysis** provisionally approved by GSBS Curriculum Committee October 2023

Program Approved by GSBS Assembly October 2023

Pending final approval, Program can accept new students in June of 2024



### **Biophysical, Chemical, and Computational Biology (BCCB) Pathway**



Training future scientists for working at the interfaces between life science and physical sciences, computer science, and engineering

Enhance visibility of Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences to prospective applicants whose undergraduate preparation is in physical sciences, mathematics, computer science, engineering

Tailor applicant evaluation criteria to non-biology STEM majors

Build curriculum to develop proficiency with biological concepts, and applications of physical and computational sciences to biomedical questions



## BCCB Program Leadership

**Executive/Admissions Committee** 

Faculty	Specialty	<b>Department</b>	
Robert Brewster	(physics)	DSB	
<ul> <li>Niko Grigorieff</li> </ul>	(physics)	RTI	
<ul> <li>David Grundwald</li> </ul>	(physics)	RTI	
Song Jie	(chemist)	Orthopedics	
Elinor Karlsson	(bioinformatics)	BIB / PMM	
<ul> <li>Francesca Massi</li> </ul>	(chemist)	BMB	
Stephen Miller	(chemist)	BMB	
<ul> <li>James Munro</li> </ul>	(physics)	MAPS	
<ul> <li>Manojkumar Saranathan</li> </ul>	(physics)	Radiology	
Zhiping Weng	(bioinformatics)	GCB	

# Director Celia Schiffer BMB Co-Director James Munro MAPS



### **BCCB Academic Plan**

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	Fall		Spring	Summer		Statistical Modeling
Year 1	BCCB ### Biophysical, Chemical, Computational Strategies in Biological Research* BBS 706/741		BCCB ### Biophysical, Chemical, Computational Strategies in Biological Research Approved BBS Elective	Thesis Research		BBS715 Chemical Biology
						BBS716 Molecular Biophysics
	Research Rotation(s)					BBS717 Structural Biology
Year 2	Elective: BBS 706/741,		Qualifying Exam	Thesis		
	Other Approved B Elective	BS	Thesis Research	Research		BBS719 Cellular Biochemistry
Year 3	Common Yr 3 Requirements BCCB Seminars, Thesis Research		BCCB Seminars, Thesis	Thesis Research		DDC744 Adversed
			Research			Topics in Bioinformatics
Years4-6	Seminars, Research, and Completion					Others TBD
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# Other Elements of the training program

#### Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Process to Date

Pre-research 1:1 tutorial with assigned academic advisor (not thesis advisor)

Monthly Journal Club/Research Seminar

**BCCB** Retreat

1:1 Advising with academic advisor to develop academic plan



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New Course provisionally approved by GSBS Curriculum Committee October 2023

Program Approved by GSBS Assembly October 2023

"Quiet" (no marketing/social media) outreach, review of eligible applicants in current cycle for admission Fall 2024

Pending final approval, GSBS will market and recruit for 2024/25 Admissions Cycle