

**Molecular Biosciences and Biotechnology**  
***Faculty Mentoring Program***

MBB students not only may need advice on curricular matters (degree requirements, Program of Study) but they also may want to discuss broader degree-related topics such as career preparation, graduate study expectations and timeline, independent research options, and internship possibilities. The SoLS Advising Office provides information regarding the nuts and bolts of the Program of Study, prerequisites, etc. However, information regarding career paths, independent research or internship options that fit best with a student's interest, etc. are best provided by faculty with direct expertise in the area of the student's interest.

In order to provide MBB students with science/career-related information and with ideas regarding research and internship opportunities, SOLS faculty with an interest in the MBB program have started a **Faculty Mentoring Program for MBB students**. MBB students are encouraged to first meet with one of the three coordinators of the Program, depending on their general area of research interest. These coordinators may then refer students to another faculty member, as appropriate. Either one of the coordinators or another faculty member will then become the Faculty Mentor of the student. Ideally, the student/mentor interaction should be maintained for the duration of the student's studies in the program, but the student is free to choose a different mentor if desired, as long as a coordinator is informed of the change. Students are encouraged to meet with their faculty mentor at least twice a year, and to bring a current DARS report to each meeting. The goal is that MBB students have the opportunity to easily seek out a faculty member with whom they can discuss science and career goals, obtain advice on research and internship possibilities, and develop timelines toward their graduation, application for graduate and professional school, etc..

The three Faculty Mentoring Program coordinators are:

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