

CSB Graduate Student Mentorship Program.

In university laboratory settings senior graduate students assist their supervisors in the training of undergraduate students. In some cases this represents a significant time investment; however, it is a valuable experience for all involved and will likely result in an increase in research productivity. The Graduate Student Mentorship Program (GSMP) will formally recognise the important role of graduate students in the training of undergraduates.

Eligible graduate students will be in their second year of graduate studies or greater and have the permission of their supervisor to participate. Interested students should discuss a mentorship opportunity with their supervisor and both parties should notify the graduate office by email by Oct 31 to participate in the 2010-2011 academic year. The program will consist of a graduate student offering advice, guidance and practical assistance to an undergraduate enrolled in a research experience based fourth year course or work study program offered by their supervisor.

There will be periodic meetings between the supervisor, graduate and undergraduate students throughout the academic year. Graduate mentors must also attend the undergraduate poster day in April.

Cell and Systems Biology will formally recognize participation in the GSMP by adding a letter of recognition to the graduate student's file and providing a copy to the student permitting students to acknowledge participation in such activities in their curriculum vitae.