



The Microbiology graduate program at the University of Georgia offers an unusual array of topics for graduate work with faculty studying over a dozen different microbial systems of clinical and environmental importance. You may apply directly for either the PhD or MS degree and will be free to choose a major professor from among approximately 15 regular Microbiology faculty and 14 adjunct faculty from 7 other departments. Students currently in the program do research in microbial physiology and genetics, cell biology, microbial pathogenesis, ecology, evolution, population biology, biotechnology, and bioinformatics.



Our students are selected from the very best national and international applicants. They have earned high GPAs and done undergrad research at competitive colleges and universities in 17 US states, Asia, and Africa. Upon completing their degrees our students go on to post-docs or permanent positions in academia, the government, and industry. For more information on our Department, see <http://www.uga.edu/mib/>.

Program Requirements

Degree requirements include 3 core courses, a comprehensive exam, and successful defense of a thesis/dissertation. The MS program takes 2-3 years and the PhD usually requires 5-6 years. The program of study, designed by the student and his/her advisory committee, provides a broad foundation in microbiology, preparing the student for a successful and satisfying career in research and/or teaching in the public or private sectors.

Support

Graduate students will be supported by assistantships or fellowships with awards ranging from \$22,000 to \$24,000/yr. Full annual tuition is waived for every graduate student on a fellowship or assistantship, an added value of nearly \$29,947. An additional benefit is a lower cost of living than most university communities (<http://www.homefair.com/homefair/calc/salcalc.html>)

Application To assure consideration for our interview weekend in mid-February, please complete your application by early December. See full details at www.uga.edu/mib/programs/g_admissions.htm.

Life in Athens, Georgia

Athens offers a cosmopolitan populace, and varied cultural and recreational opportunities, with small town convenience. The University's 8,000 graduate students enjoy a new music scene (rated #1 in the country by Rolling Stone magazine), a world-class performing arts center (featured in live broadcasts on National Public Radio), a 430,000 sq ft recreation center (rated top in the US by Sports Illustrated), varsity and intramural sporting events, a lively local art community, several theater and choral groups, great restaurants, and proximity to Atlanta and the north Georgia mountains, each close to an hour's drive away.

