



Cellular and Molecular Biology

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Direct Admit Process

Overview

Direct admit candidates do not complete lab rotations. Instead, they join a lab directly with full financial support provided by the faculty member for the duration of their graduate studies. To be considered for direct admission, candidates must complete an interview with the faculty trainer, submit the direct admit form, and provide a detailed description of their potential research project.

Timeline & Steps

Before March 1 – Student Interest & Faculty Outreach

- Candidates on the direct admit list will be informed of the process and required materials.
- Interested candidates must confirm their intent to be on the list by March 1.
- Candidates should begin reaching out to potential faculty mentors: [CMB Faculty List](#).
- Faculty gain access to direct admit student applications.

March 1 – April 30: Faculty Interviews & Application Submission

- Candidates and faculty should set up an interview and discuss research projects, lab space and funding commitments.
- Interviews must be completed by **April 30th**.
- If a faculty wishes to accept a Direct Admit Student, the following materials must be submitted to the CMB Office for review:
 - **From the faculty member (~1 page):**
 - Commitment to funding the student at the CMB stipend rate.
 - Brief description of the student's research project.
 - **From the student (~1 page):**
 - Statement of intent to join the faculty member's lab.
 - Brief description of the proposed research project.
 - **Direct Admit Form**, signed by both faculty and student.

April 30 – Final Submission Deadline

- All required materials must be submitted.
- The Admissions Committee will review applications on a rolling basis.
- Faculty and students will be notified of a final decision within **one week** of submission.