

Membership in the NGP

Admission of New Faculty

The following procedures will be followed for admission to the Neuroscience Graduate Program:

Faculty who wish to join the Neuroscience Graduate Program apply to the Program Director. Documentation for initial application for membership to the NGP includes:

- current curriculum vitae, including grant support and training record for graduate students.
- paragraph (approximately 200 words) describing the faculty's research and at least two, but no more than five bibliographic reference citations (to be posted on the web).

The Program Director reviews the application for completeness and refers it to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee considers the application and votes to accept or reject an applicant for membership in the Neuroscience Graduate Program.

Full membership or co-mentorship requirements:

Full membership will be granted to those applicants who, by the judgment of the executive committee, have a proven track record or made a significant contribution to graduate education. For all other, junior membership will be granted if there is a high chance that a track record can be established. Junior members will have a senior faculty member as a co-mentor to follow both their own and their student's progress in the program.

Admission to the NGP from within BIMS

Once admitted to another BIMS Program with a primary affiliation, a faculty member may also be listed under the NGP with a secondary or tertiary affiliation if approved by the NGP.

Membership in a Program requires participation in Program-specific activities (see Maintaining Membership).

Maintaining Membership

Membership in the NGP is granted with the understanding that members accept the responsibility for regular participation in educational and related programmatic activities.

Program activity options include but are not limited to:

- Teach basic graduate courses and advanced colloquia
- Organize and/or participating in the weekly journal club
- Mentor graduate students
- Serve on student examination and dissertation committees
- Lead discussion session(s) in the annual Research Ethics course (BIMS 710)
- Recruitment of new faculty
- Organize the Program seminar series
- Host seminar speakers
- Attend seminars and student research presentations
- Serve on committees (Executive, Academic, Admission, Program)
- Recruitment of new students
- Attend annual retreat
- Organize/attend NGP-sponsored symposia
- Attend social functions sponsored or co-sponsored by the Program

It is recognized that NGP members will be able to participate in only a subset of the total activities due to other commitments. However, the expectation is that each member will regularly commit to several of the possible options. This is particularly important for activities such as advanced colloquia, journal club and student recruiting where broad and active participation will improve the quality of the program and its educational opportunities.

If it is apparent after three years in the NGP that a faculty member has not participated significantly in Program activities, the Director will contact the member to inquire about his/her interest in continuing membership. If interest in maintaining membership is expressed, the Director will communicate expectations for participation.

In the event that there is continued lack of participation by the member in question, membership may be terminated at the discretion of the Director in consultation with the Executive Committee (by majority vote).