

Proposed Amendments to the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Bylaws



**Morningside
Graduate School of
Biomedical Sciences**

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Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Bylaws Revision Timeline

Date	Description
October 6, 2023	Preliminary approval by the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Faculty Assembly
October 16 – Nov 20	Legal Review
December 1, 2023	Final proposed document presented at Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Faculty Assembly for vote of approval
April 4, 2024	Final proposed document presented at Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Faculty Assembly for vote of approval
May 16, 2024	Final version presented at Executive Council for endorsement
May 16, 2024	Final document forwarded for administration approval

Amendment # 1: Addition of Matriculation Pathways

ARTICLE I: INTRODUCTION

Students enter the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences through distinct Matriculation Pathways.

A Matriculation Pathway must have:

- A Director, appointed by the Provost in consultation with the Dean
- A roster of Faculty who implement academic requirements
- Distinct admissions criteria and a distinct admissions committee
- One or more Program(s) of Study that establishes alignment of curricular requirements with research activities

Matriculation Pathways are

- Basic Biomedical Sciences Umbrella
- Biophysical, Chemical, and Computational Biology
- Master of Science in Clinical Investigation
- MD/PhD
- Millennium PhD
- Population Health Sciences
- Post Baccalaureate Research Education Program

Amendment # 2: Programs of Study- Additions

ARTICLE III: PROGRAMS OF STUDY

1. Doctoral Programs of Study

- a. Basic Biomedical Sciences Umbrella
 - i. Biochemistry & Molecular Biotechnology
 - ii. Cancer Biology
 - iii. Immunology & Microbiology
 - iv. Interdisciplinary
 - v. Neuroscience
 - vi. Systems, Computational & Quantitative Biology
 - vii. Translational Science
- b. MD/PhD
- c. Millenium PhD
- d. Populations Health Sciences

Amendment # 3: Programs of Study- Removal

ARTICLE III: PROGRAMS OF STUDY

The following programs were removed from the bylaws:

~~Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology~~
~~Bioinformatics and Computational Biology~~
~~Cancer Biology~~
~~Clinical & Population Health Research~~
~~Immunology and Microbiology~~
~~Interdisciplinary~~
~~MD/PhD~~
~~Millennium PhD~~
~~Neuroscience~~
~~Translational Science~~

Amendment # 4: Establishment of Programs of Study

ARTICLE III: PROGRAMS OF STUDY

B. Establishment of Programs of Study

The establishment of new Matriculation Pathways, including the change in status of an existing Program of Study to become a Matriculation Pathway, will follow the above process. The prospective Matriculation Pathway Director must provide documentation attesting that the requirements in Article I have been met.

Newly established Programs of Study will undergo a preliminary internal review in year three after approval to assess the extent to which the stated goals are being met.

Amendment # 5: Program Director Elections

ARTICLE III: PROGRAMS OF STUDY

D. Directors of Programs of Study

2. Program Director Elections

- a. Elections will occur in the Academic Year following the five-year review described below (Section D.3).
- b. The Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Administration will notify Program Directors of the election schedule and those whose terms are ending
- c. Nominations for the Program Directors are solicited from the Program Faculty.
- d. The ballot with all nominations are distributed to the Program Faculty.
- e. The nominee with the majority vote of those who voted shall be elected as the Program Director
- f. Elected Program Directors serve five-year term, subject to approval by the Dean. Program Directors can serve a second consecutive term.

Amendment # 6: Program of Study Reviews

ARTICLE III: PROGRAMS OF STUDY

E. Program of Study Reviews

1. Review Procedure

- d. External review of any Programs of Study, or training programs closely aligned with Programs of Study, may substitute for the above. The Program Director may submit the external evaluation in lieu of the written report in Article III Section E.b

Amendment # 5: Faculty Membership

ARTICLE IV: FACULTY MEMBERSHIP

Revision #1-

Removed the following categories of membership to clarify the expectations of being a faculty member in the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences:

- Primary Member
- Associate Member

Revision #2- Definition of Affiliate Member

Affiliate Member requires a UMass Chan Affiliate or Adjunct Faculty appointment (as defined by **Article 6** of the ~~UMass Chan~~ APP, ~~Article 6~~) at the rank of Assistant Professor or above. Affiliate Members may serve as a thesis co-advisor for graduate students [with a **Primary Faculty** Member as co-advisor], serve on TRACs, and/or provide teaching.

Amendment # 6: Admission Committee

ARTICLE VI: STANDING COMMITTEES

C. Admissions Committees

Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Admissions Committees include the following:

- a. Basic Biomedical Sciences **Umbrella** Admissions Committee
- b. Biophysical, Chemical, and Computational Biology Admissions Committee**
- c. MD/PhD Admissions Committee
- d. Clinical & Population Health Research Admissions Committee
- e. Millennium PhD Admissions Committee
- f. Masters in Clinical Investigation Admissions Committee
- g. Pathway to Graduate Study Program Admissions Committee
- h. Health Sciences Preparatory Program Admissions Committee.