

Faculty Sponsor Form

Preamble:

This form is to be used by faculty members of the Department of Molecular Genetics who are sponsoring an international student. Subsequent to completing this form, a sponsor can also be the third referee in the student's application, in addition to two other referees.

The rationale behind this form is to inform the Admissions Committee about how well the sponsor (i.e. you) knows the applicant's character, knowledge, scientific aptitude and English language skills. Many international applicants are educated in institutions that the Admissions Committee is not extensively familiar with. Hence, the Admissions Committee will take the information conveyed by the sponsor into account when deciding on the fate of the application.

Note that while international PhD students no longer have to pay the extra international tuition fee (domestic rates apply as of September 2018) and therefore their supervisors no longer have to cover that extra stipend cost, the sponsor is, by definition, still committed to supervising their sponsored student and paying their full stipend in the event that no lab (including yours) is eager to mentor the sponsored student after the conclusion of the rotation period. Keep in mind that international MSc students must still pay international tuition fees.

The sponsor must email this form to the graduate administrator by the deadline for a given cycle when the student applies.

1. Name of the Applicant:

2. Name of the Faculty Sponsor:

3. Please describe your previous interactions with the sponsored applicant. In other words, did the applicant work in your lab or a colleague's lab, have you interviewed them in person or via Skype, over the phone, or perhaps only by email correspondence etc.:



4. Please describe your motivations behind sponsoring the applicant. In other words, what facts about the applicant impress you to such an extent that you are willing to commit to this international applicant?

5. Please provide any first-hand assessment of the applicant's oral and written English language skills.



6. Please provide any assessment of the applicant's knowledge of genetics and molecular biology.

7. Please add any additional information that you would like the admissions committee to consider when deliberating the sponsored student's application package.

8. Have you reviewed the students transcript, and do you have any comments on it?

The cutoff for MSc admission is 3.3 / B+ / 77 (or equivalent) in the last year; and 3.7 / A- / 82 for direct entry to the PhD program. We typically expect similar marks throughout the degree, especially in courses related to Molecular Genetics (e.g. Genetics, Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Cell Biology, and lab courses). International MSc students currently pay international tuition, while PhD students pay domestic tuition.

