Introduction

Academia Sinica has established the Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) in collaboration with a consortium of key national research universities in Taiwan. The purpose of this program is to develop the pool of research manpower in the modern multidisciplinary fields that are important for the future economical and social development of Taiwan and to enhance the innovative potential and academic standards of research in these and related fields.

TIGP offers Ph.D. programs in selected inter-disciplinary areas in the physical sciences, applied sciences, engineering, biological and agricultural sciences, life and medical sciences, and humanities and social sciences. All courses are offered in English.

Academia Sinica assumes principal oversight of the academic options of the Program. It will provide the intellectual leadership, the research resources, and the research and physical facilities. Qualified and interested faculty members of the participating national research universities are invited to join as affiliated faculty of the Program, and participate in the teaching of courses, supervision of research, and mentoring of the international graduate students.
The complete mapping of the human genome ensures that we will witness breakthroughs in biomedical research at an accelerated pace in the coming decades. For the first time in the history of medicine, the physiological functions and pathology of normal and disease genes are being studied at both molecular and genomic levels. Although the lag between the identification of disease-associated genes and the development of clinical applications is rapidly decreasing, major challenges in the postgenomic era are beginning to rise. An efficient collaboration that integrates basic science, clinical research, and biotechnology should address these challenges.

The Molecular Medicine program (MM) is offered by the Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Academia Sinica and the School of Life Sciences, National Yang-Ming University. The MMP program has 115 faculty members with diverse disciplines in both fundamental and translational research. We have not only established vigorous collaboration with the research communities at Academia Sinica, but also developed close ties with clinicians in major medical centers throughout Taiwan. The MMP into MM (remove P) program is designed to offer rigorous training and exciting research opportunities to Ph.D. students who are interested in working on the frontier areas of biomedical sciences. The teaching and research objectives of our comprehensive Molecular Medicine Programs are three-fold:

(1) To promote biomedical research and pursue excellence of science by developing a strong teaching and research program in frontier biomedical sciences;
(2) To broaden and deepen our understanding of human diseases: from structure to function and from physiology to pathology;
(3) To strengthen and promote translational research by bridging basic science and clinical studies and to expedite the development of biomedical technology.

Research Topics

The MM program has many faculty members whose research projects encompass both basic and clinically-oriented research.

(1) Functional Genomics and Bioinformatics
- Disease Gene Discovery Using Genomic and Proteomic Approaches
- Functional Genomics
- Bioinformatics

(2) Molecular and Cellular Basis of Gene Function
- Gene Regulation
- Apoptosis and Cell Cycle Regulation
- Signal Transduction
- Differentiation and Development
- Immunology
- Structural Biology
- Electrophysiology

(3) Disease Mechanisms
- Molecular Epidemiology and Toxicology
- Cardiovascular and Blood Diseases
- Neuronal Diseases
- Virus and Infectious Diseases
- Cancer and Neoplastic Transformation

(4) Medical Biotechnology
- Biochips and Microarrays
- Disease Gene Diagnosis
- Stem Cell Biology
- Cell and Gene Therapy
- Drug Design and Development
- Nanomedicine
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Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine / Nanobiotechnology / Translational Research

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Proteomics and Applications of Mass Spectroscopy

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Structural Biology and Protein Engineering  

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Neurophysiology / Electrophysiology and Neurobiology  

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Molecular Immunology / Molecular Oncology  

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Nanomedicine / Liposome and nanoparticle / Anticancer drug and adjuvant  

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Curriculum and Degree

Introduction

The education and training of graduate students are the major mission of this program and will include in-depth laboratory training programs, scientific courses and seminars, and forums involving outstanding speakers (e.g. Nobel laureates; members of the National Academy of Sciences, USA, ROC, etc.) from abroad. During the first year of study, graduate students in the MM program will take two multidisciplinary core courses, which cover the entire spectrum of biomedical sciences from the principles of macromolecular structure to the function of biological systems at the whole organ level. With this broad perspective, students are prepared for advanced course work in specific areas of interest. The various research groups spanning nearly every major field in biomedical sciences offer a variety of advanced courses. By selecting different combinations of advanced courses, graduate students have the flexibility to formulate an interdisciplinary education tailored to their individual interests and career objectives. Laboratory rotation during the first year provides in depth laboratory experience and opportunity to survey cutting-edge research in different fields of biomedical science. Students should complete their formal coursework with a qualifying exam before advancing to his/her Ph.D. candidacy.

Required courses:

1. Molecular Medicine (3 credits)
   This course covers a rapidly evolving area of biomedical sciences that include molecular basis of cellular function and patho-physiological aspects of disease medicine such as cancers, infectious diseases, neurological and cardiovascular disorders, and hereditary disease. Furthermore, new technologies and their application on molecular medicine are also discussed.

2. Molecular and Cell Biology (4 credits)
   This course is mainly offered by Molecular and Cell Biology program. The current state of molecular cell biology will be addressed, including the structure and function of molecules within the cells, the interactions between cells, and development of different organisms.

3. Seminar in Molecular Medicine (1 credit per semester, total 4 credits for the first two years)
   The course is composed of a series of weekly “journal club” presentation and discussion in which graduate students lead a review and discussion of recently published, cutting-edge scientific papers of major interest in the field of Molecular Medicine.

4. Laboratory rotations (1 credit)
Elective courses:

1. Experimental Approaches in Molecular Medicine
   This course covers a broad spectrum of modern bioscience technology, including basic and advanced methods in molecular and cell biology and application of computational biology, such as genomics in diseases and genetic epidemiology.

2. Immunology
   This course will cover basic topics in cellular and humoral immunity with the goal of providing the students with adequate background to effective read and understand immunology related research papers. Practical immunologically-related techniques used in the lab will also be introduced.

3. Translational Medicine
   This course is obtaining the basic and clinical knowledge of various human diseases and relevant research models. To learn current techniques and tools used in genetic discoveries, pharmacogenomics and drug development. Knowing bioethical issues and rules relevant to human studies.

4. Elective courses are also offered by other graduate programs within the TIGP
   including Developmental Biology, Molecular Pathology, Structural Biology, Virus and Cell Interactions, Bioinformatics and etc.

Requirements for the Ph.D. Degree

1. Satisfactory completion of an oral qualification exam administered by a committee of the faculty. This examination should be taken no later than the beginning of the third-year enrollment. The student could turn in one non-thesis topic with a one-page abstract. The topic will be confirmed by the education committee. A formal proposal should be developed by the student for examination by a faculty committee appointed by the program office. In case of failure, the student should take it once more. Every student must advance to Ph.D. candidacy by the end of the third year of graduate study.

2. Satisfactory completion of at least 18 credits in formal courses including required courses and elective courses, and 12 credits for the Ph.D. thesis. Note that an extra of 12 credits in formal courses is required for those who enter the program with a B.S. degree. Students holding only a B.S. degree require evaluation from the admission committee to advance into the Ph.D. program at the end of their first year of study.

3. Satisfactory completion of rotation in two laboratories (1-2 months/one lab) in the first year. The lab rotations should be finished before the beginning of the second- year enrollment. After lab rotation, students may choose his/her thesis advisor and start full-time research.

4. Completion of a satisfactory investigation and presentation in the form of a thesis (12 credits), approved by a committee of the faculty. Oral defense of the thesis by the candidate before a committee of the faculty.

5. Written acceptance of the thesis by each member of the final oral examination committee.
6. The Ph.D. candidate can graduate in 4 to 7 years, depending on the specific research project and the student’s effort. But no more than seven years may elapse between the date of matriculation and fulfillment of all requirements for the degree.
7. Students should give an annual progress report to the thesis committee. The first annual report should be given during the period of the third-year enrollment.

Admission to the Ph.D. Program

We encourage students from around the world to apply. The official application deadline is January 31, every year. Applicants are therefore encouraged to submit their applications early.

Individuals (either international students or students from Taiwan) with a B.S. or M.Sc. degree (or equivalent) from an accredited institution are eligible to apply. Information provided in the following documents will be used to evaluate the applicant’s qualification for admission.

1. Two official copies of undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) academic records or transcripts. A grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale for all undergraduate or graduate study is preferred.
2. TOEFL (or equivalent) score: all applicants whose first language is not English must submit a TOEFL (or provide evidence to show that they have recently completed two or more years of study in an English-speaking country. Applicants in Taiwan may take the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT) administered by the Language Training and Testing Center. A minimal score of 550 on paper-based, 79 on internet-based TOEFL test is required for admission to the program.
3. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores: All applicants are highly recommend to submit a GRE General Test Score. An advanced Subject Test in biochemistry, cell and molecular biology, chemistry, or biology is highly recommended. The GRE test can be waived in exceptional situation. Please contact the MM program office if you are unable to meet this GRE requirement. A high GRE score will significantly enhance the chance of admission to the program.
4. Three letters of recommendation commenting on the applicant’s personal character, and qualifications for independent study, including work ethics, intellectual ability, research potential, and scientific motivation.

5. Statement of purpose and plan for graduate study (in English)

6. Other evidence of scholarly achievements

7. The evaluation process also includes an interview. Local candidates will be asked to come to Taipei for interviews, and international students will be interviewed by phone.

TIGP now offers an online application option, via our website. If you wish to submit your application online (recommended), please proceed to the online system: https://tigp.apps.sinica.edu.tw/index.php

Alternatively, if you wish you submit your application by post, please send it to the following address:

**Admissions Office**
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Nankang, Taipei 11529
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The submitted application materials will not be returned to applicants under any circumstances. The complete application materials should be received by TIGP before January 31.
Degree Conferral Policy

Based on the Regulations of the Ministry of Education in Taiwan, students will officially register with our partner university (School of Life Sciences, National Yang-Ming University). Upon completion of the program, each student will be conferred a Ph.D. degree by the partner university and a certificate jointly signed by the President of Academia Sinica and the Director of TIGP.

Fellowship and Stipends

TIGP provides fellowship support of NT$34,000 (about US$1,060) per month for all graduate students during the first year of their enrollment. The support will be extended for another two years upon evidence of satisfactory progress towards the degree. In subsequent years, the financial support for outstanding students will be from his/her thesis advisor’s grant. The amount of the support will be at the discretion of the advisor.

Medical Insurance

(For international students only.) Six months after the student receives the Alien Resident Certificate (ARC), the student will be qualified for Taiwan’s National Health Insurance Program (NHI). The students pay the Premium and will be entitled to the same medical coverage as Taiwanese citizens.

Cost of Study

The tuition fee is about US$2,100 per year.

Living and Housing Costs

Academia Sinica has a dormitory building for TIGP graduate students near the Academia Sinica campus. Rooms are available to TIGP first-year students for NT$5,500 per month. Off-campus private housing is generally more expensive. Rents for off-campus apartments range from NT$5,000-15,000 per month. In addition, Yang-Ming University also provides dormitory rooms in Yang-Ming campus.
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