The Program in Cell, Molecular Developmental Biology and Biophysics (CMDB) gives students a strong background in modern biology and physical biochemistry. This combination prepares students to study complex biological phenomena using quantitative physical methods. The training faculty reside in the T. C. Jenkins Department of Biophysics, the Biology Department, and the Carnegie Institutions Department of Embryology, all located on the Johns Hopkins Homewood campus. Students take core graduate courses in cell, molecular, and developmental biology, and in biophysics, and complete four eight-week rotations their first year. Other requirements include the Graduate Board Oral Preliminary Examination, given before the end of the second year, and successful defense of the dissertation.

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Financial Aid

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Attn: Fellowships
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