Neuroscience Department Profile

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The Center for Neuroscience (CNUP) Training Program is an interschool PhD degree-granting program offered cooperatively by the School of Medicine and the School of Arts and Sciences. Our program introduces students to the fundamental issues and experimental approaches in neuroscience and trains them in the theory and practice of laboratory research.

PROGRAMS OFFERED:

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Recent MA/MS/Ph.D.’s Placements:

Masters of Science:
Medical Content Writer, Sovereign Health of California

Ph.D.’s:
Researcher, Eli Lilly Japan Co.
Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, CA
Medical Student, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Postdoctoral fellow, Scripps Research Institute, San Diego
Postdoctoral Fellow, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Washington, DC

Admissions Requirements:

- Prior research experience;
- A BS degree in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, neuroscience, or psychology;
- A cumulative grade point average of at least 3.4 (on a 4.0 scale);
- A GRE score typically greater than 160 verbal, 155 quantitative, and a 4.5 in analytical writing.

Admission Deadline: December 1st

Average GPA of Entering Students: 3.69
Average GRE’s of Entering Students:
Verbal 90%
Quantitative 78%
Analytical 85%

(Over)
Is the GRE Subject Test Required?  [ X ] No  [   ] Yes

Can Students Earn a Degree Exclusively Through:

☞ Part-Time Study?  [   ] Yes  [ X ] No
☞ Evening/Weekend Study?  [    ] Yes  [ X ] No

Are Career-Related Internships/Field Work Available?  
[   ] Yes  [ X ] No

Number of Faculty Members Actively Involved with Graduate Students through Teaching or Research:
Part-Time:  0  Full-Time:  31

Percentage of Students fully FUNDED BY DEPARTMENT (e.g., Assistantships, Fellowships):
[ X ] 100%  [   ] Less than 50%
[    ] 50-99%  [   ] None

How many years of support guaranteed from department:  Full support for duration of studies – usually 5 years.

Are Departmental Awards Available to Master’s Degree Students?  [ X ] Yes  [    ] No

**Special Program Highlights:**

We are a large, collaborative, interactive, dynamic multidisciplinary program.

Graduates in our program are highly sought after and have readily secured outstanding postdoctoral research positions in industry and in academic institutions that include:  Brown University, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, Massachusetts General Hospital, Rutgers University, Stanford University, UCLA, UCSF, Max Planck Institute for Brain Research (Frankfurt), University College London, University of Zurich’s Brain Research Institute, McKinsey Management Corp., Hayes Management Consulting, and Eli Lilly Corp,

**Current Research Interests of Department’s Faculty:**

☞ Behavioral/Systems/Cognitive
☞ Cell and Molecular
☞ Development/Plasticity/Repair
☞ Neurobiology of Disease

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