PhD Town Hall – June 2019

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The Icahn School of
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at Mount Sinai

Updates Since Last Town Hall in 2017

With the ultimate goal of elevating the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS) to the world's leading center for graduate and post-graduate education, my leadership team and I have continued to make progress in the following key areas:

- GSBS and ISMMS Visibility
- Innovating in Graduate Education
- Expanding Academic Partnerships
- Embracing the Principles of Diversity and Inclusion
- Recruiting the Best and Brightest
- Enhancing Student and Trainee Support

GSBS and ISMMS Visibility

2019 Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Fully integrated with a stand-alone top medical school—the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai — *Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences*

Top 15

NIH funding **$348.5 million** *(Fiscal year 2018)*

Top 20

Best Medical Schools *(2019 U.S. News & World Report)*

Top NIH-funded Basic Science Departments

- No. 1 Neuroscience
- No. 3 Microbiology
- No. 4 Pharmacology
- No. 5 Genetics

Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research data for National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding among U.S. medical schools. Awards received by the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai during the NIH 2018 fiscal year.

Degree-Granting Graduate Programs

3 PhD Programs:
- Biomedical Sciences
- Neuroscience
- Clinical Research

8 Master's Programs:
- Master of Public Health
- Master of Healthcare Administration

Master of Science in:
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biomedical Data Science
- Biostatistics
- Clinical Research
- Genetic Counseling
- Healthcare Delivery Leadership

1 of only 50 U.S. institutions to offer an NIH-funded MD/PhD program

Renowned Faculty

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Members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

Number of Graduate Students and Trainees

- **245** PhD Candidates
- **95** MD/PhD Candidates
- **343** Master's Candidates
- **588** Postdocs

2019–2020 PhD Matriculants

- **46** Students
- **>180** Published journal articles and abstracts
- **3.8** Median graduate GPA
- **>4,300** Hours of previous research experience

300+ Research Laboratories

Gender and Racial/Ethnic Diversity

- **63%** of Master's and PhD students are women
- **72%** of incoming PhD class are women
- **23%** of Master's and PhD students are from racial and ethnic backgrounds underrepresented in science

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Students Profiles and PlumX

Students

Meet the students of the Neuroscience training area, who are committed to learning the nervous system at the molecular, cellular, systems, and behavioral levels, with both normal and pathological conditions.

Filter or Search by Clear All

Research Topics | Training Areas

Last Name | First Name | Sort By Name A-Z

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RAWAN ABDELAAL

[GRADUATE ASSISTANT | Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences]

Rawan Abdelaal is a PhD student at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She is a stem cell biologist by training who has worked on understanding the interactions between motor neurons and glial cells in ALS pathology using mouse and iPS cell-based models. A major focus of her work is utilizing...

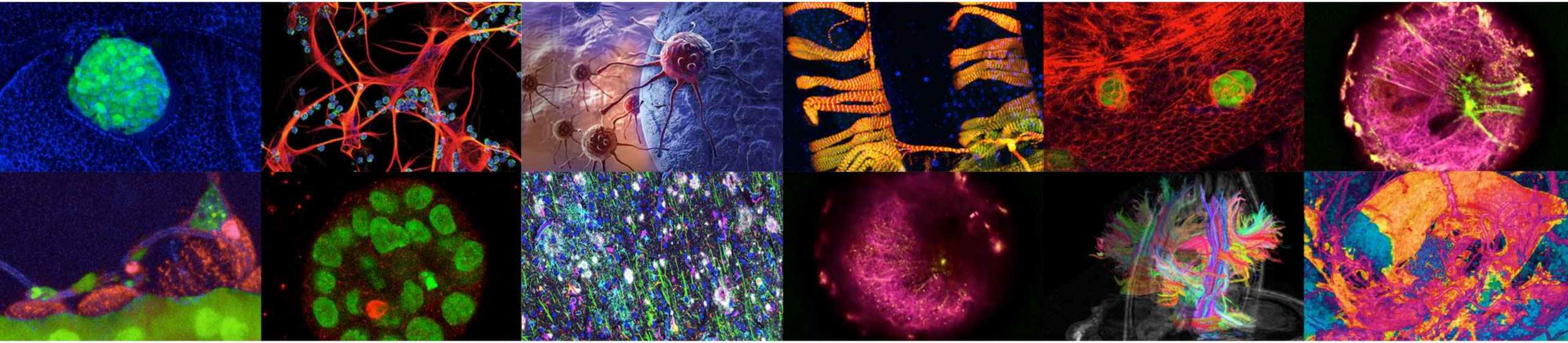
- Apply For Admission
- Find A Researcher
- Find Resources

PhD in Neuroscience

- Curriculum
- Research
- Laboratories
- Faculty
- Students
- Alumni

Innovating in Graduate Education

The Biomedical Data Science Initiative @ISMMS



- Bridging research and educational endeavors in computing and big data analytics across various departments and institutes at ISMMS in order to pursue insights that will better the lives of patients and their families.

- In addition to providing an intellectual home for collaborative data-driven research, it offers outstanding computational training to postdocs and graduate students through a variety of Master's, PhD, and post-graduate programs.

Master of Science in Biomedical Data Science (launching in 2019)

Offers a unique training opportunity to students with a strong quantitative background and an interest in applying computational biology and data science techniques to biomedical problems to revolutionize personalized medicine and healthcare.

Eligibility

- Undergraduate Degree in Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Engineering, Chemistry, or Related Discipline.
- Prior Quantitative Coursework (Calculus, Linear Algebra, Etc.)
- Prior Introductory To Computer Programming Coursework

Curriculum

A minimum of 30 credits split between core courses, electives, and a capstone project in one of the various biomedical domain areas at Sinai, such as (a) computational genomics, (b) computational biophysics and systems pharmacology, (c) biomedical engineering, imaging, and visualization, (d) biostatistics, clinical epidemiology, and clinical trials, (e) environmental medicine and public health, (f) health systems design, and (g) health information technology.

Expanded Curriculum and Broadened Learning Experiences in Quantitative Sciences

BIO6300: Introduction to R programming
BIO8200: Analysis of categorical data
BIO8700: Theory of linear & generalized linear models
BMI1001: Intro to biomedical & translational informatics
BMI1002: Intro to clinical information systems
BMI1003: Introduction to healthcare systems
BMI 1005: Computer Systems
BMI 2005: Introduction to Algorithms
BMI3001: Data analytics and mining
BMI3002: Machine Learning for Biomedical Data Science
BSR1015: Introduction to scientific computing
BSR1803: Systems biology: biomedical modeling
BSR2104: Intro to computer modeling & macromolecules
BSR2400: Translational genomics
BSR2401: Intro to human genome sequencing
BSR3101: Computer-aided drug design
BSR6402: Practical analysis of a personal genome
BSR6803: BD2Kdata mining and network analysis
BSR6806: Programming in sys bio & bioinformatics

CLR0320: Applied biostatistics in clinical trials
CLR0501: Computational tools &information sources for clin. Res.
Clr0810: Genetic Epidemiology
CLR1010: Clinical trials management
MPH0311: Multivariable methods
MPH0400: Introduction to epidemiology
MPH0412: Epidemiology II
MPH0415: Case studies in Epidemiology: environmental & occupational health
MPH0623: Applied Analysis of Epi & Outcomes Research
MPH0624: Outcomes Research Methods
MPH0802: Statistical Computing with SAS
MPH0803: Introduction to SAS Programming
MPH0812: Applied Linear Models I
MPH0821: Analysis of Longitudinal Data
MPH0822: Applied Linear Models II
MPH0823: Survival Analysis

Training in Entrepreneurship and Innovation

(in collaboration with Mount Sinai Innovation Partners)

Certificate in Entrepreneurship

- BSR 2930: Intellectual Property and the Commercialization Process
- BSR 2931: Commercialization of Biomedical Innovation: Entrepreneurship and Business Fundamentals

MSIP Programs

- Become an intern – gain experience in technology development and commercialization
- Executive in Residence – connects innovators with seasoned industry experts
- Shark Tank – healthcare startups pitch their game-changing technologies
- Innovation Hour – topics in healthcare, biotech, commercialization
- JLABS – Johnson & Johnson's leadership and networking events
- Venture Showcase – pitch brightest, new ideas to Venture Capital Firms

Co-curricular Opportunities

- Sinai Innovations Conference
- Health Hackathon- Idea Prize
- Using NSF I-CorpTM Lean LaunchPad approach to create and test innovations in real time.

Expanding Academic Partnerships

Established Partnerships/Relationships with Several Academic Institutions

These have given students access to many courses in mathematics, engineering, computer science, chemistry, and physics that are complementary to those offered at ISMMS.

THE GRADUATE CENTER
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Rensselaer

Stony Brook University

THE COOPER UNION

the City College of New York

GROVE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

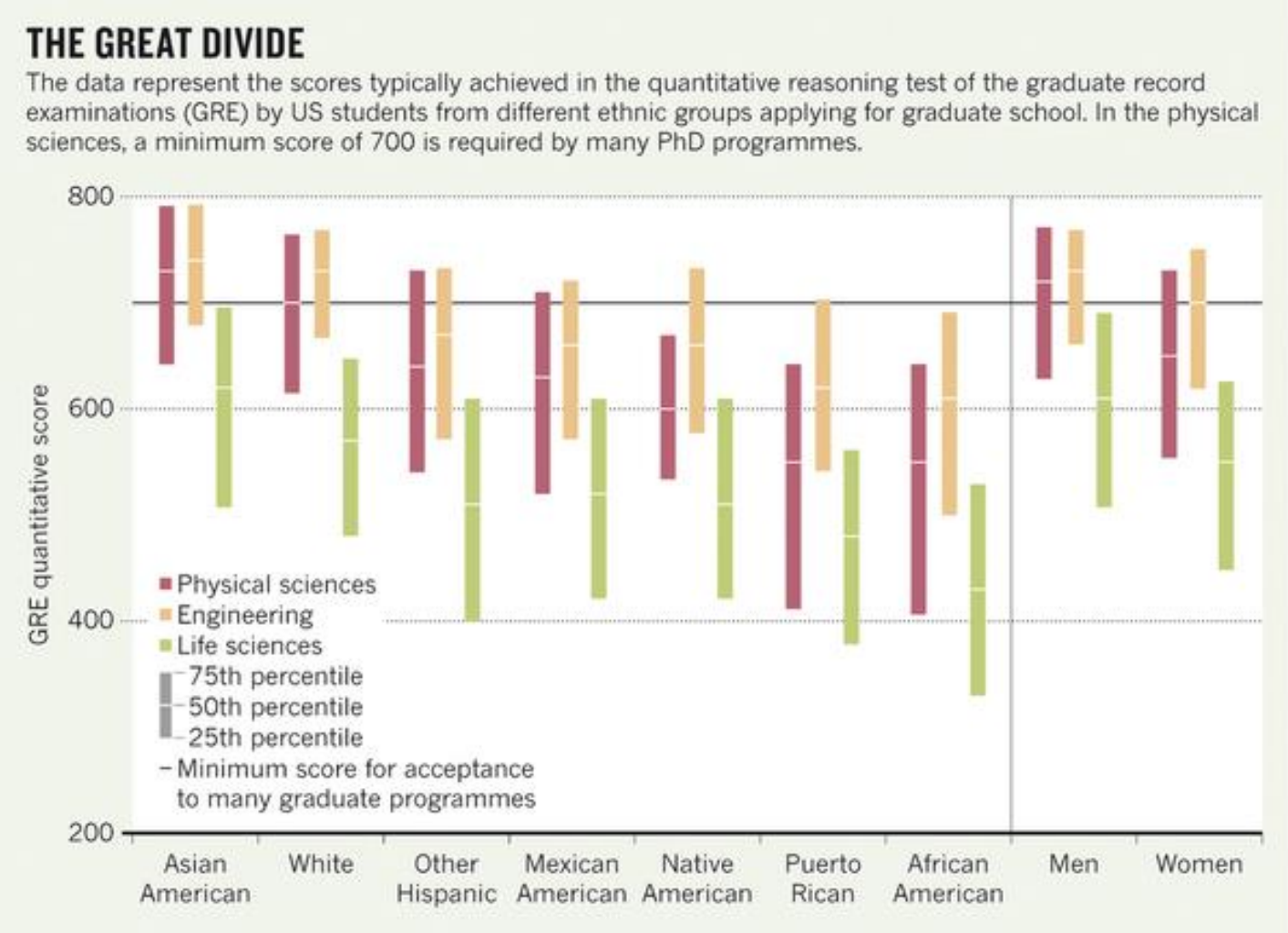
Embracing the Principles of Diversity and Inclusion as Key Drivers for Excellence and Innovation

- The Mount Sinai Health System was ranked No. 1 on DiversityInc's Top Hospitals and Health Systems list for 2018. **For the second year in a row**, Mount Sinai was the highest-ranked health system nationally as well as in the New York metro area.

- Supported by several centers, councils, and offices:

  - Center for Multicultural and Community Affairs (CMCA)
  - Office for Diversity and Inclusion
  - Office for Women's Careers
  - Diversity in Biomedical Research Council (DBRC)
  - Faculty Diversity Council
  - Office for Disability Services
  - Office of Gender Equity in Science and Medicine NEW

Action Taken To Further Promote Inclusion And Diversity In Science



New York, NY (Apr 01, 2018): <<As a critical step towards a more unbiased admissions process, but importantly, as a necessary step to ensure diversity in Graduate School representation, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai announced today, that it will join a growing group of schools by **“exiting the GRE” (#GRExit)**.>>

Working in **Partnership with the Office for Diversity and Inclusion** to identify and define the 2019-2020 strategic priorities for the GSBS in accordance to 4 Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity domains

Cultural Effectiveness and Education	Disparities and Clinical Outcomes	Engagement and Inclusion	Enhance Demographic Diversity	External Relationships
Offer Unconscious Bias (UB) education to the Graduate School leadership team, program directors of PhD and Master's programs, postdocs, graduate students, and staff. Conduct an Iceberg Workshop for Systems Thinking with Grad School leadership (Identified by the Dean) and participate in an Iceberg workshop facilitated by Ann-Gel Palermo (ODI/MedEd) and Leona Hess (MedEd)	NA	Increase the number of UiSM student representatives on THAW and the Student Affairs Committee to ensure that all student voices are heard and needs are met. Strengthen the working relationship between SEOS and the Office of Student Affairs. Develop a community of support for our student who are first generation college students.	Partner with ODI/CMCA to advance recruitment and retention practices to ensure a diverse student and faculty body.	Determine partnership with postbac grad program with AMSNY Advance and expand partnerships with existing minority serving colleges and research universities: HBCUs, Hispanic Serving Institutions Conduct PREP Program Symposium Hold undergraduate and graduate research symposia aimed at UiS recruitment

New Partnerships:Meharry-Mount Sinai Research Scholars Program

- Collaboration on providing research opportunities to up to 3 selected advanced MMC graduate students per year through an 8-week summer research intensive study program at ISMMS.

- During this period, scholars will perform full-time research in laboratories at ISMMS. In addition to performing full-time research, scholars will engage with the broader ISMMS community in discussing cutting-edge research through participation in journal clubs and/or seminars.

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Recruiting the Best and Brightest

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Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

2019 –2020 PHD MATRICULANTS

ADMISSION & STUDENT STATS

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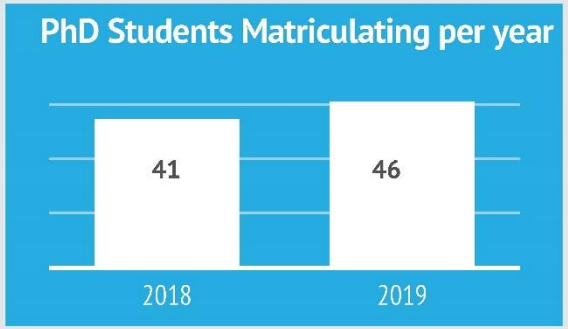
Matriculating PhD Students



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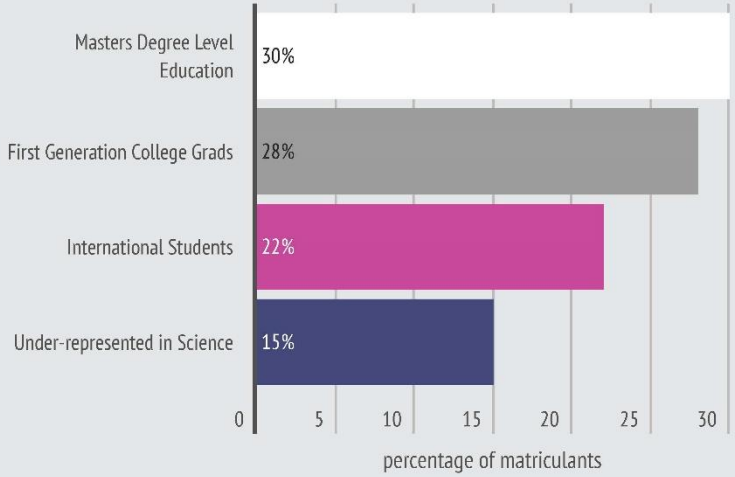
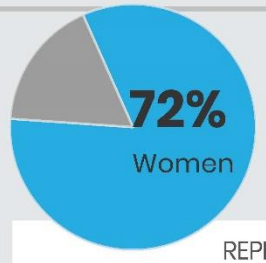
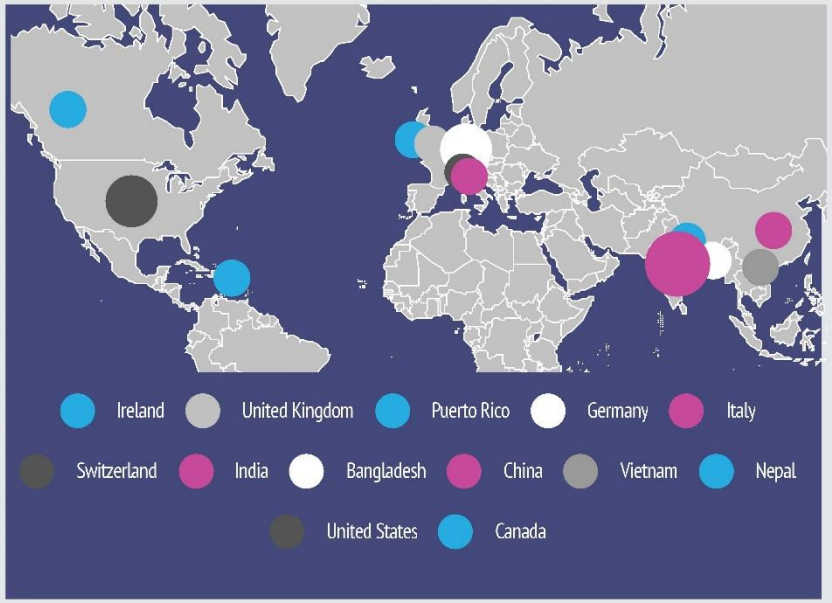
STUDENT REPRESENTATION





REPRESENTATIVE UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS

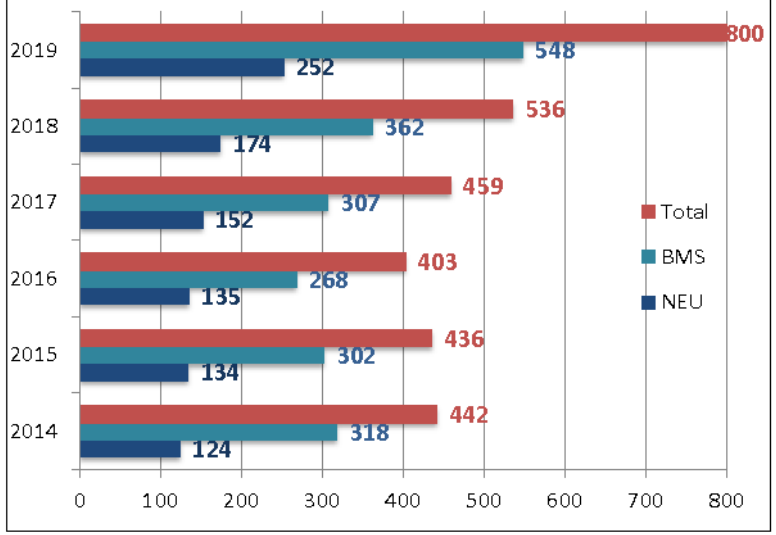
Harvey Mudd
Wellesley College
University of California
Columbia University
Duke University
Northeastern University
Smith College
Wesleyan



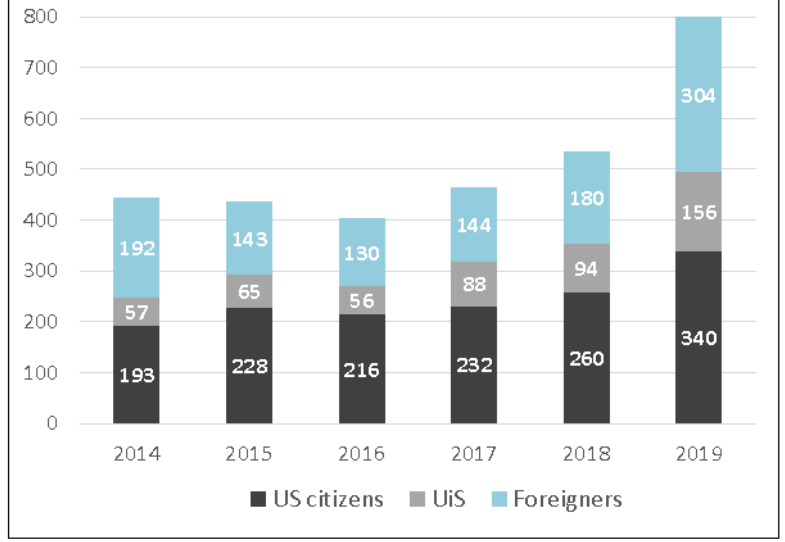
Graduate School Dashboard

PhD Programs in Biomedical Sciences and Neuroscience 2014 - 2019

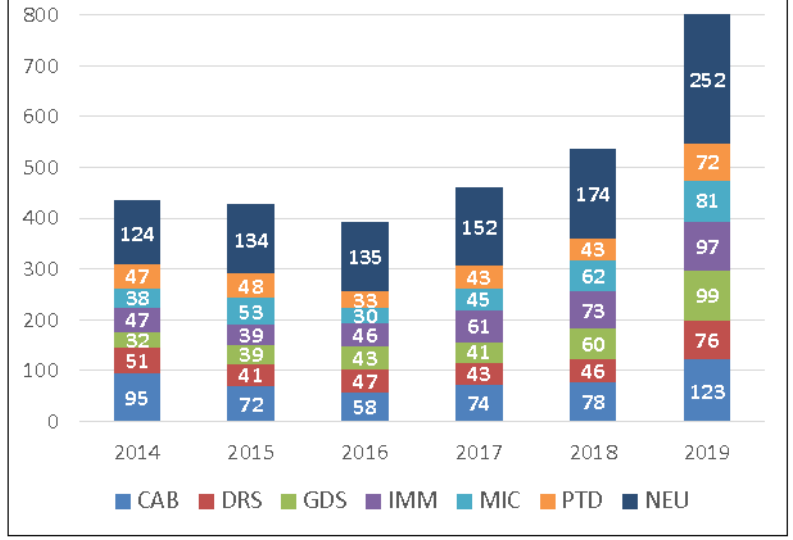
Total PhD Applications



Applicant Demographics



PhD Applications by MTA



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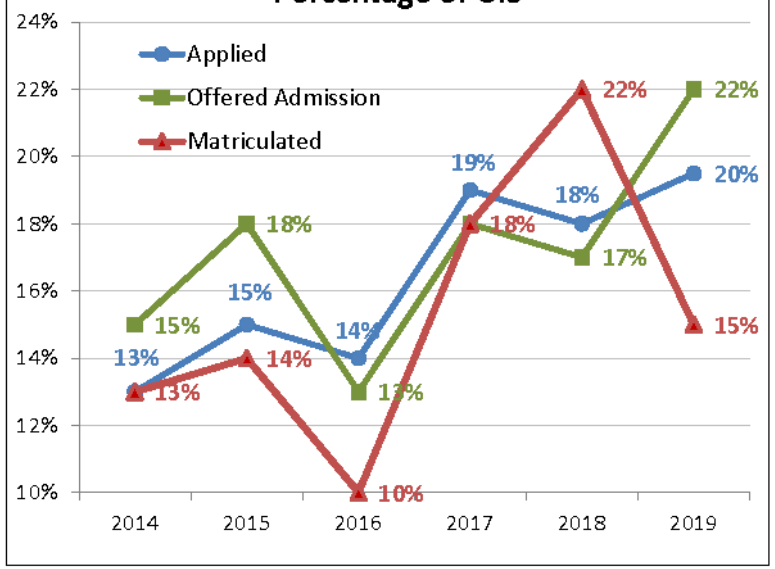
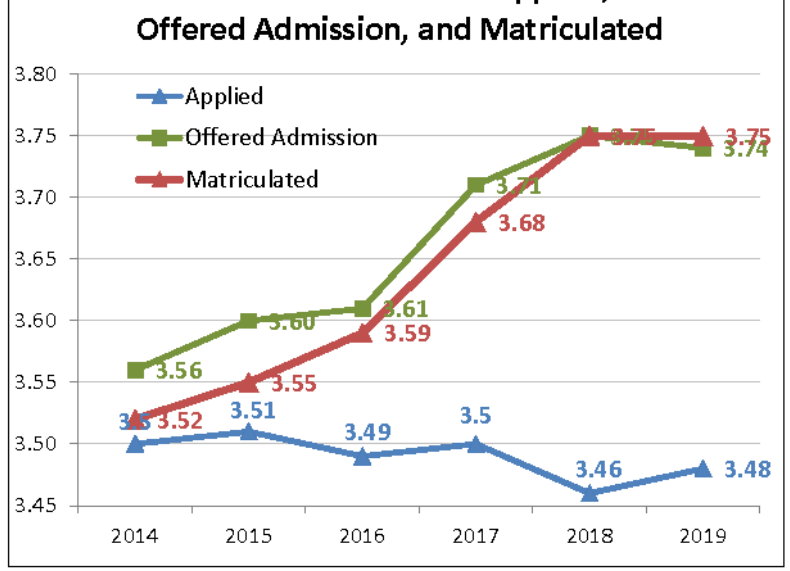
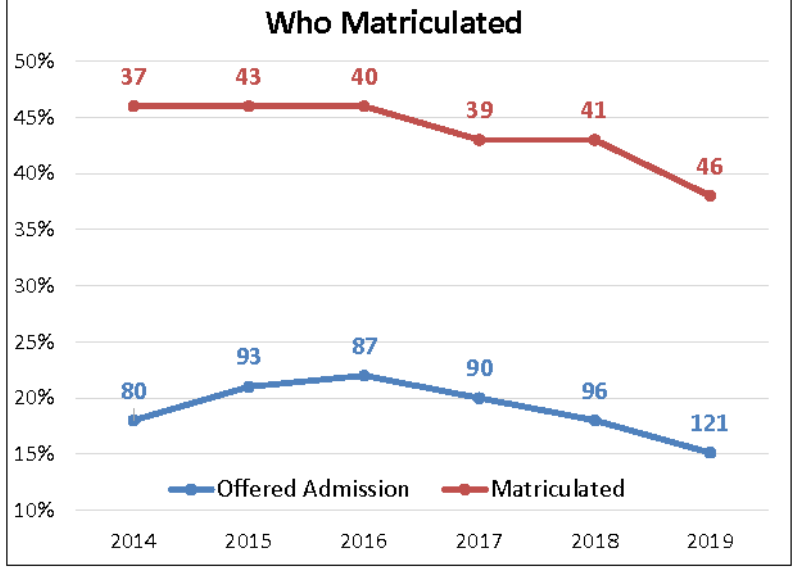


Median GPA of Those Who Applied, Were Offered Admission, and Matriculated

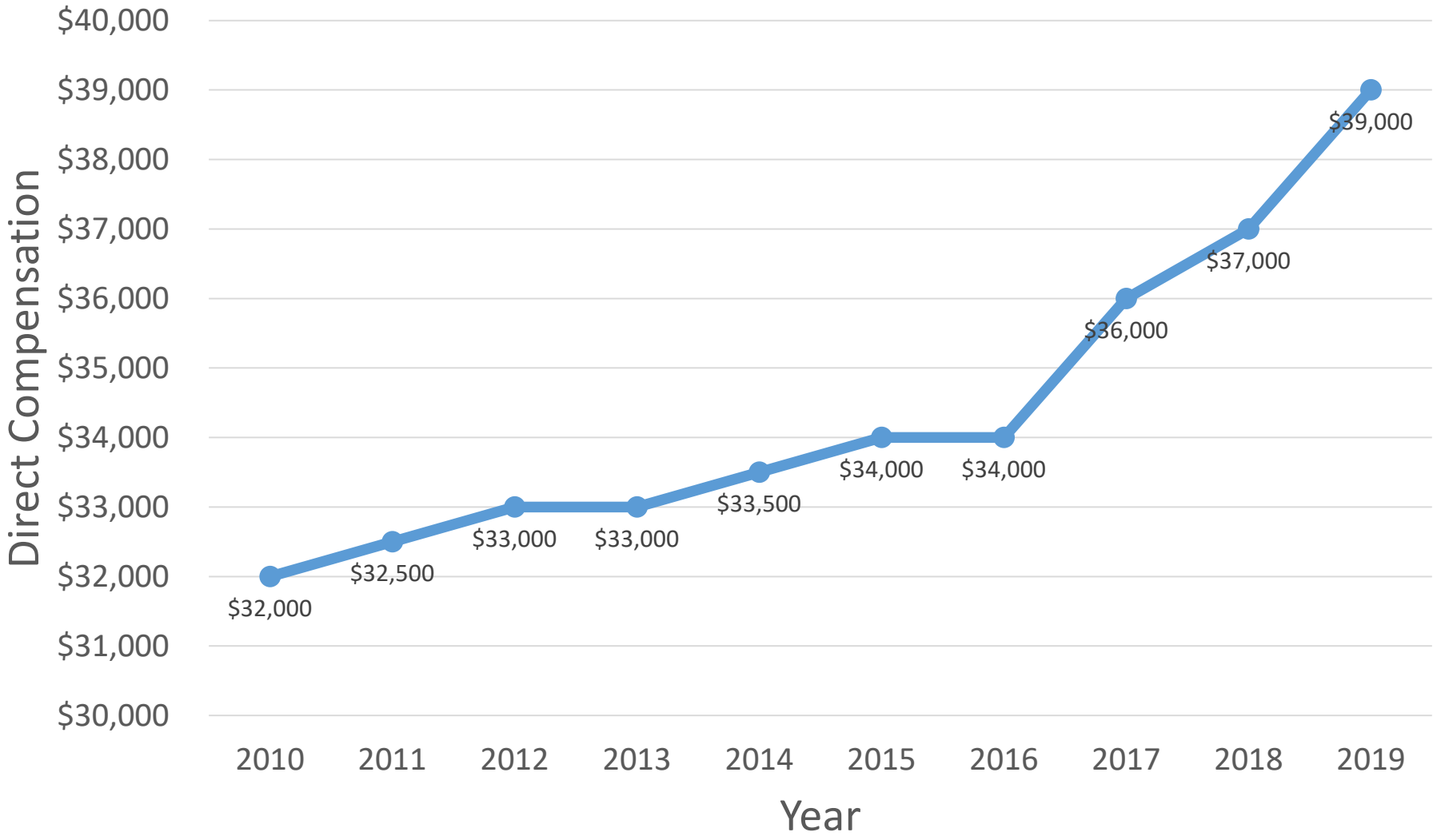


Percent of Admitted Applicants Who Matriculated



Enhancing Student and Trainee Support

Direct Compensation Increases



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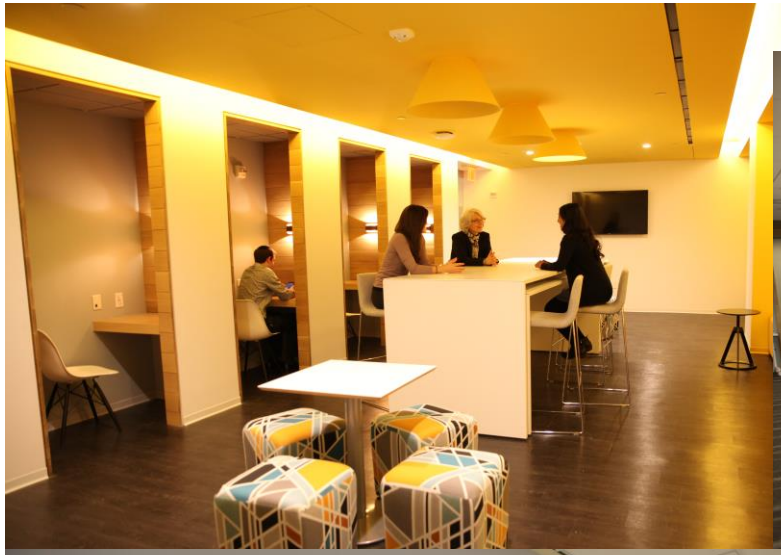

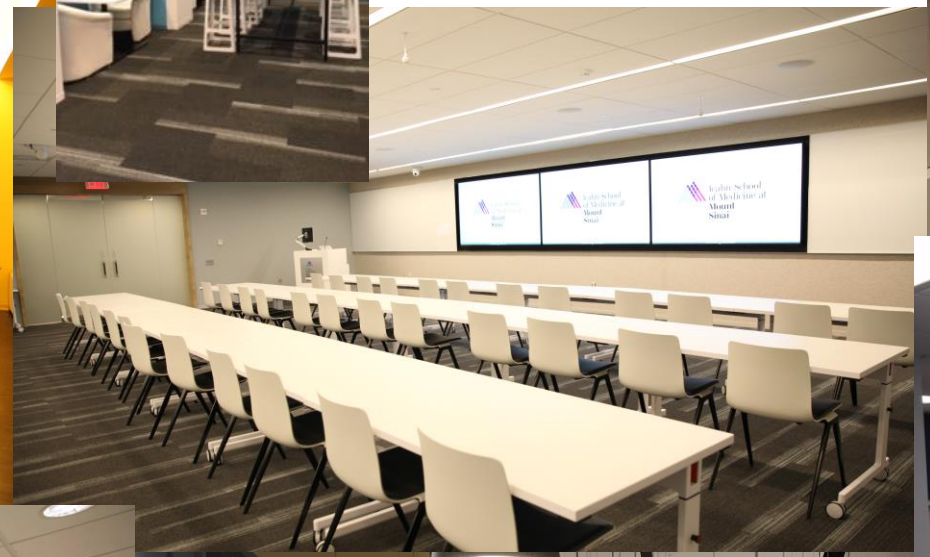


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Research
Breakthroughs
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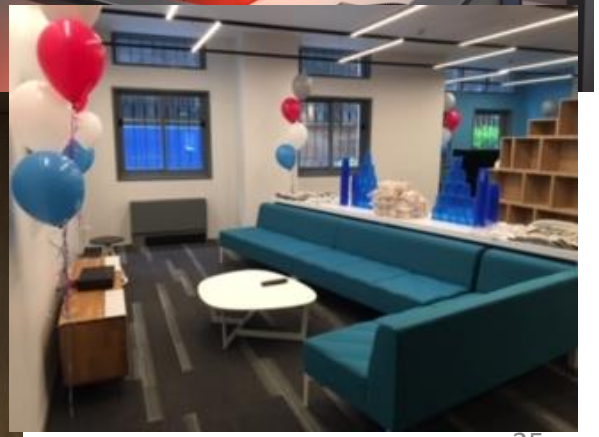


GRADUATE SCHOOL STAFF

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

RANDI SCHWARTZ, MBA

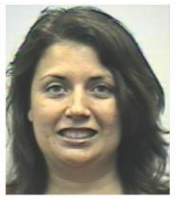
Associate Dean for Administration

Oversees Graduate School staff. Provides administrative oversight for day to day operations in areas such as finance, marketing, IT as well as academic programs.

OSEI TUTU

Senior Financial Analyst

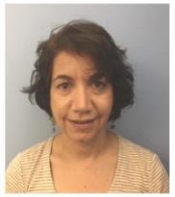
Responsible for financial operations including budget preparation and submissions, tuitions and fees information, check requests, fund transfers, purchase orders, employee reimbursements, stipends, transfers, reference letters, travel awards, teaching assistance. Handles payroll related issues.



THERESA SCARABINO

Program Manager, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Manages postdoctoral new-hire process; Taleo Requisitions, Postdoctoral Orientation. Management of professional development, seminars, workshops, awards, listserv, surveys, exit interviews. Meets with postdocs at their request.



COLLEEN BALDINO

Program Coordinator II

Assists with program management, recruitment efforts, admissions, marketing and events for MS in Biomedical Sciences and MS in Biomedical Data Sciences.

REWTIE OFFIN, M. ED.

Program Manager, PhD & MSBS Program

Responsible for all aspects of PhD program and MSBS program including admissions, recruitment, orientation, and all daily program needs and events. Management & oversight of student milestones.

BIANCA TAYLOR, M.S.ED.

Program Manager, MD/PhD

Manages many projects in support of the goals and objectives of the MD/PhD program. Oversee all recruitment and admissions efforts, provide student support, track milestones, manage NIH grant-related activities, plan MSTP retreat and other efforts.

ARJANA GJOKAJ

Program Coordinator, Support/Admissions

Coordinates and assists with MD/PhD and PhD admissions; provide Blackboard/curriculum support to students, professors and staff, management of course evaluation; provide administrative support for SURP & PREP programs.

CAROL JOHNSON

Administrative Secretary

Provides support and customer service at front desk; coordinates & schedules rooms for professors & doctors; assist project managers with events for MD/PhD, PhD & MSBS Programs. Submit Laboratory/Evaluation information to Empower.

ELLIE SCHMELZER, PHD

Director, Career Services & Strategy

Designs & delivers programming, counsels graduate students and postdocs and implements new PhD graduation requirements.

ROLAND PINZON, MBA

Program Manager

Assists with recruitment efforts for all programs, with a focus on MS in Biomedical Data Science. Responsible for coordinating all webinars, managing communication plans and attending off-campus recruitment events to promote the school and programs.

COURTNEY SCOTT, MPA

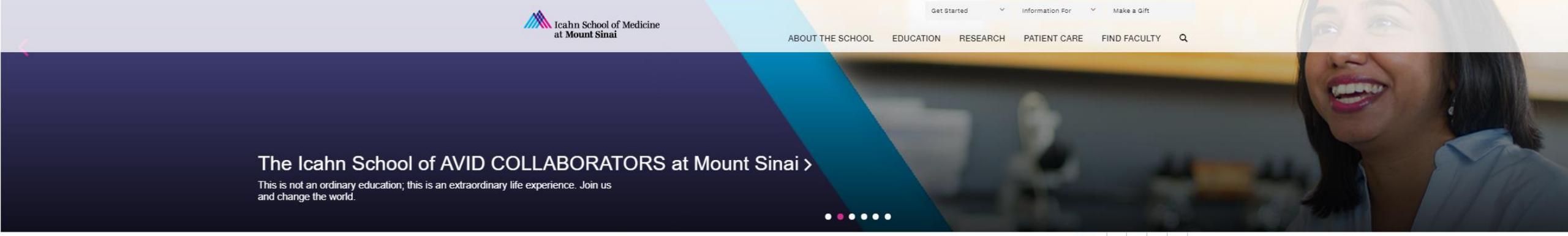
Marketing Coordinator

Responsible for all marketing plans & projects within Grad School: advertising, social media, website management, print collateral, promotional items, newsletters, videos, photoshoots, etc., as well as event coordination.

SOPHIE MILLER

Supervisor of Technology & Learning Environments

Develops streamlined and automated business processes for the Graduate School. Research, evaluates and implements systems design. Develops tools, techniques, and procedures for improving performance of system-related applications.



The Graduate School

At the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, we are deeply invested in cultivating the next generation of scientists and health professionals who make a profound impact on human health, locally and globally. Uniquely positioned within the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and the expansive Mount Sinai Health System, we are a preeminent graduate school and research center known for transformative research and innovative education.

As a student at our Graduate School, you will work hand-in-hand with some of the nation's top researchers and join an ever-inquisitive community of scholars, who make strategic and meaningful connections between science, medicine, education, and health care delivery.

Graduate School Admissions Process

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences offers numerous PhD programs, Master's degree programs, dual degree, specialty programs, and certification programs for your specialization. Research training opportunities are also offered for college undergraduate and post graduates. Learn how to apply to your program of choice.

About Us

At the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, we prepare you with the critical thinking and innovative technical skills you need to become leaders and change-makers in the rapidly-evolving world of biomedical sciences, public health policy and health care, as well as for a variety other fields in which these skills are applied.

Our Programs

We prepare our graduates for rewarding careers by offering a number of top-ranked PhD, Master's, Dual-Degree, and Specialty programs.

Training in Biomedical Innovation & Entrepreneurship

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences offers a wide range of entrepreneurial and co-curricular learning opportunities for students wishing to pursue careers related to biomedical innovation and entrepreneurship.

Biomedical Data Science Initiative

The Biomedical Data Science Initiative seeks to bridge research and educational endeavors in computing and big data analytics across various departments and institutes in order to pursue insights that will better the lives of patients and their families.

Office of Student Affairs

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COALITION FOR
NEXT GENERATION LIFE SCIENCE

Data

FOR A STRONGER WORKFORCE

Our goal is to bring transparency to PhD and postdoctoral training in order to empower and inform training for the next generation of scientists around the world. Our members commit to collecting and publishing data using common standards on their life science training programs.

COALITION MEMBERS COMMIT TO COLLECTING AND PUBLISHING DATA USING COMMON STANDARDS ON:

- Admissions and matriculation data of PhD students.
- Median time-to-degree and completion data for PhD programs.
- Demographics of PhD students and postdoctoral scholars by gender, underrepresented minority status, and citizenship status.
- Median time in postdoctoral status at the institution.
- Career outcomes for PhD and postdoctoral alumni, classified by job sector and career type using a common taxonomy.

Coalition for Next Generation Life Science

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai is a proud member of the Coalition for Next Generation Life Science (CNGLS). The Coalition is comprised of members committed to increasing transparency related to PhD and postdoctoral training in the life sciences. The goal of CNGLS is to empower and inform training for the next generation of scientists around the world. It provides data that allows you to make choices with full information.

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences is committed to bringing honesty and openness to data collected on our life science training programs. We work hard to make these data accessible to allow trainees to make informed decisions and improve life science training for PhD students and postdocs. The data also helps us to identify areas for improvement in our educational efforts.

Career outcomes data will be forthcoming.

PhD Program Statistics

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai offers a PhD in Biomedical Sciences and Neuroscience. Within the Biomedical Sciences program, students choose a multidisciplinary training area (MTA) - Cancer Biology; Development, Regeneration, and Stem Cells; Genetics and Data Science; Immunology; Microbiology; and Pharmacology and Therapeutics Discovery. Our CNGLS data has been broken out by MTA to allow for a further in depth look into our program.

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai is committed to providing PhD Program statistics annually as a member of the CNGLS. As part of our pledge, we are providing PhD program data on demographics of enrolled students (gender, citizenship status, race, and ethnicity), admissions, enrollment, matriculation, time-to-degree and completion rates.

A tabular form of our PhD Program Statistics is also available.

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The Graduate School

Graduate School Admissions Process

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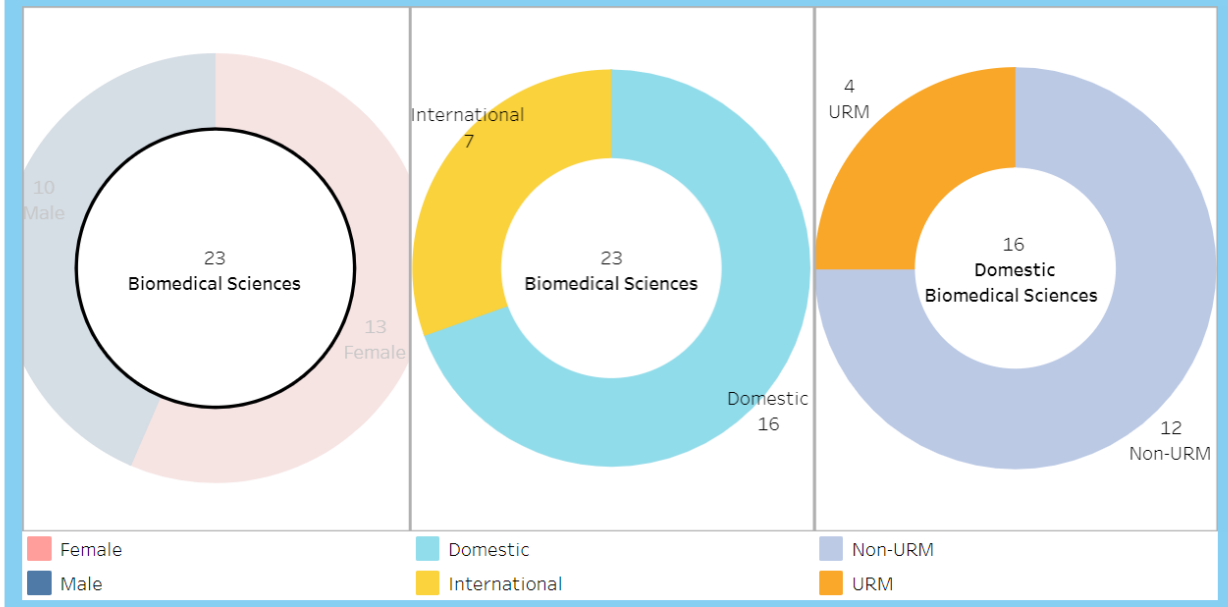
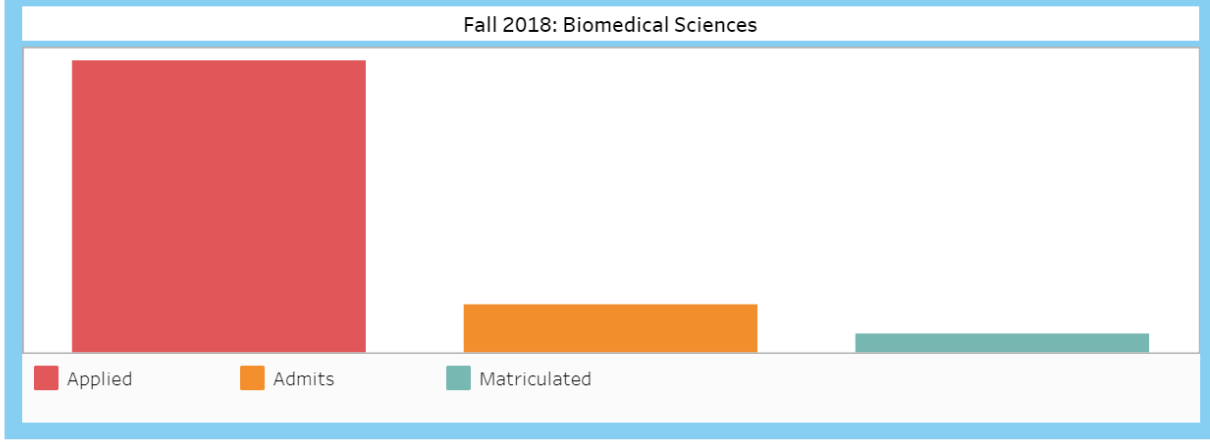
Enrollment Fall 2018

PhD Program: Biomedical Sciences



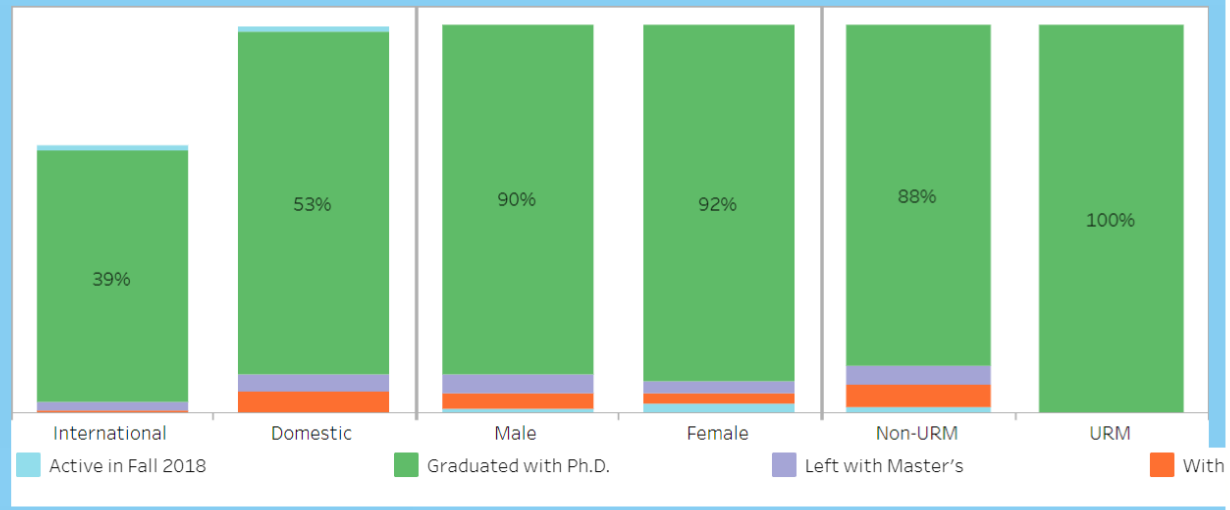
Admissions

PhD Program: Biomedical Sciences Year: 2018



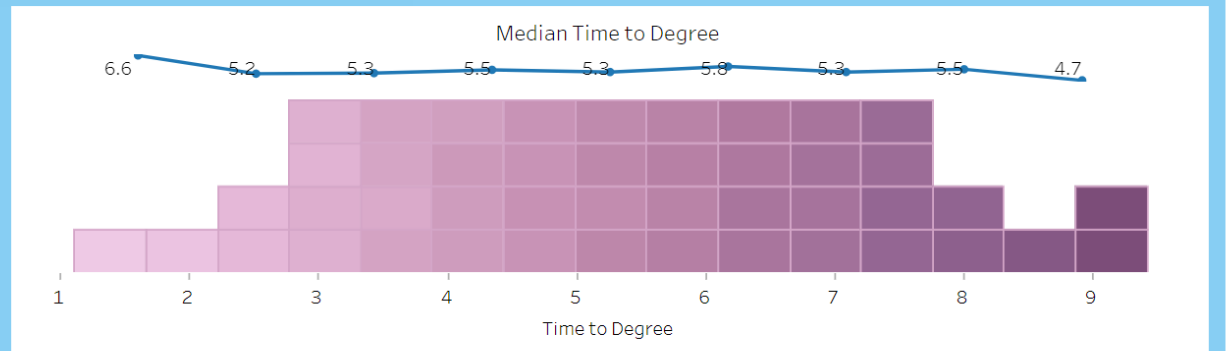
Multidisciplinary Training Area: (All) Entry Cohort: (All)

Completion & Attrition

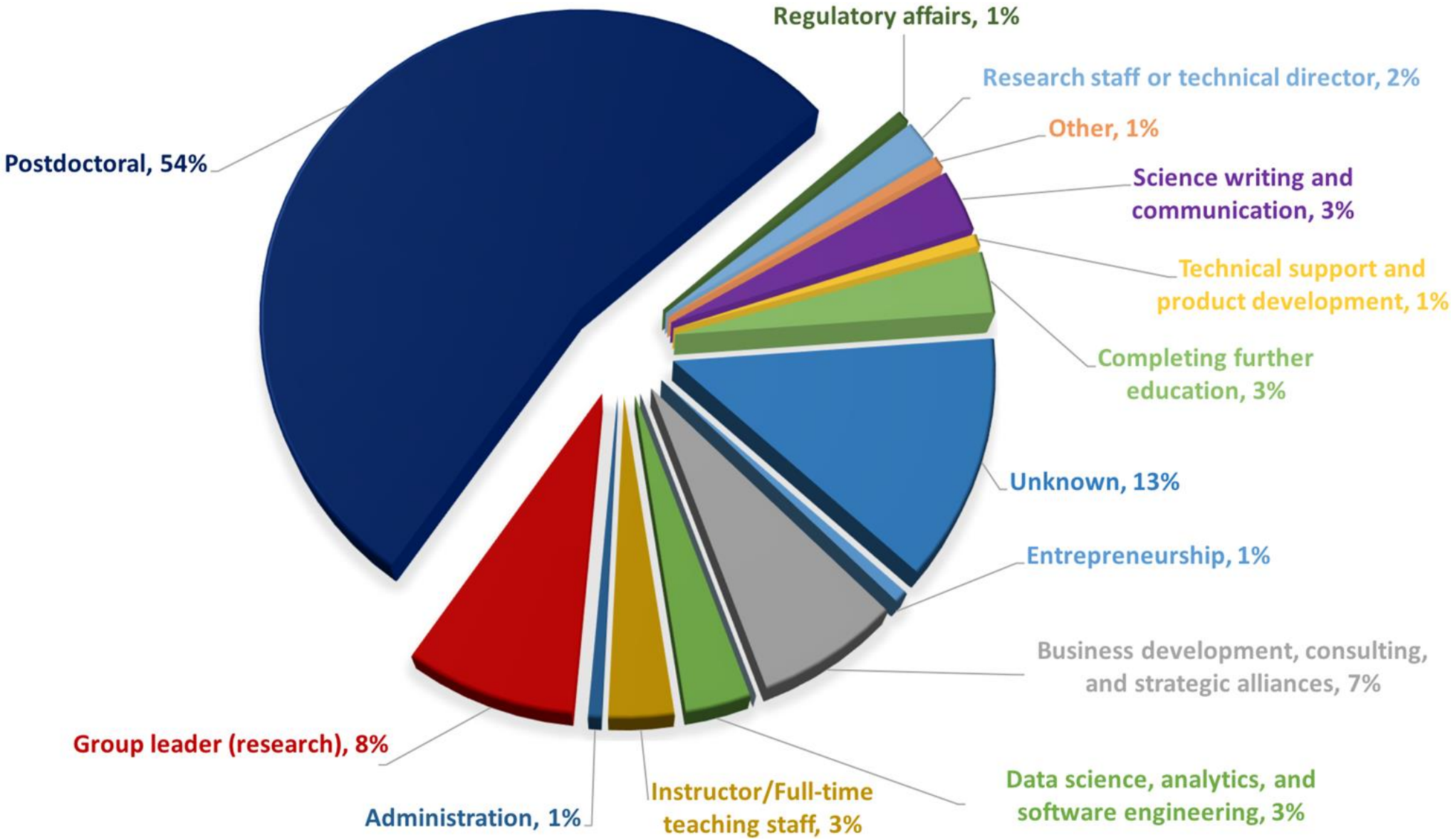


Time-to-Degree (TTD)

Entry Cohort: (All)

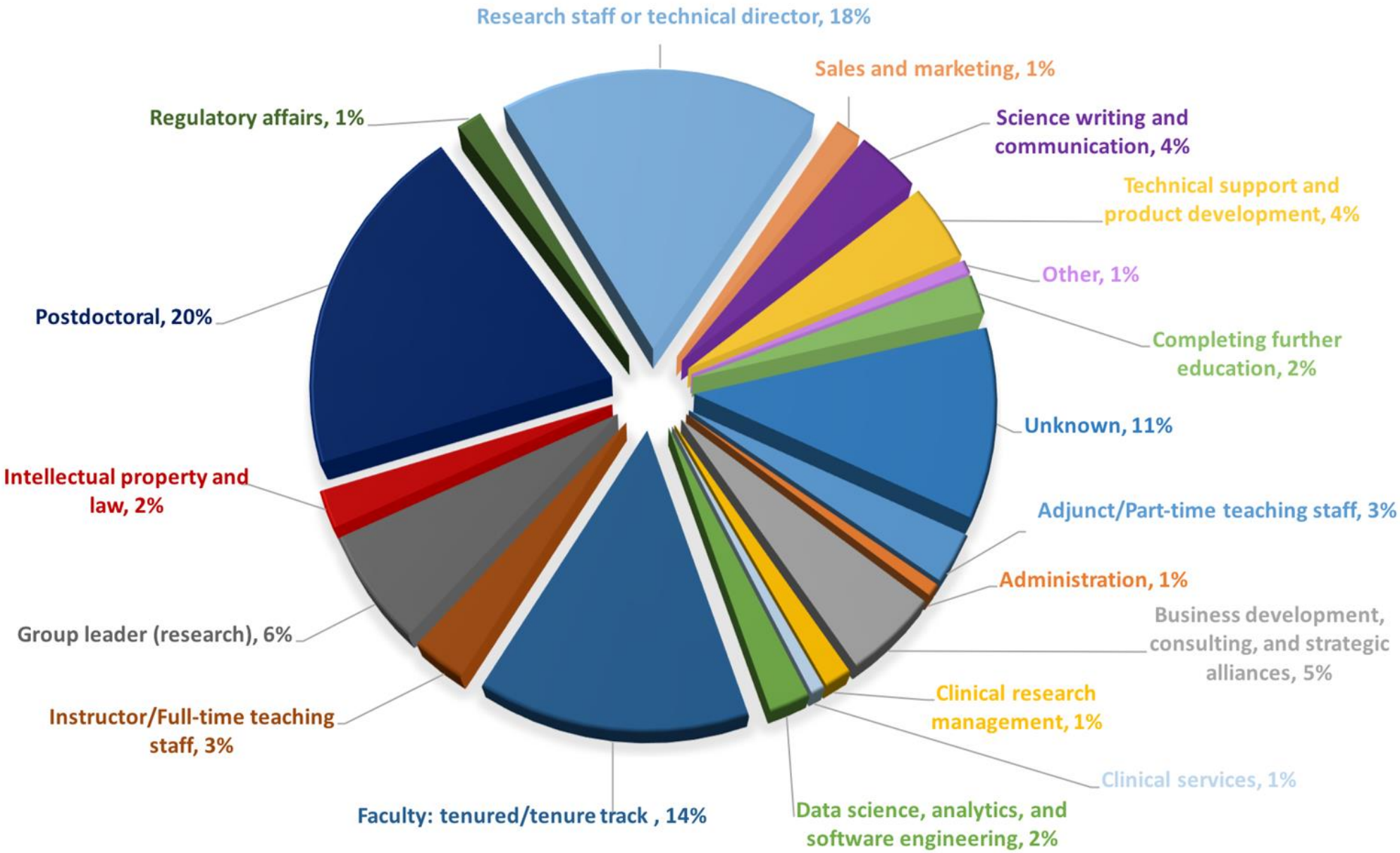


Our Alumni – First Destination



PhD students graduated in 2013-2018; N=156

Our Alumni – Five Years Out



PhD students graduated in 2008-2013; N=141

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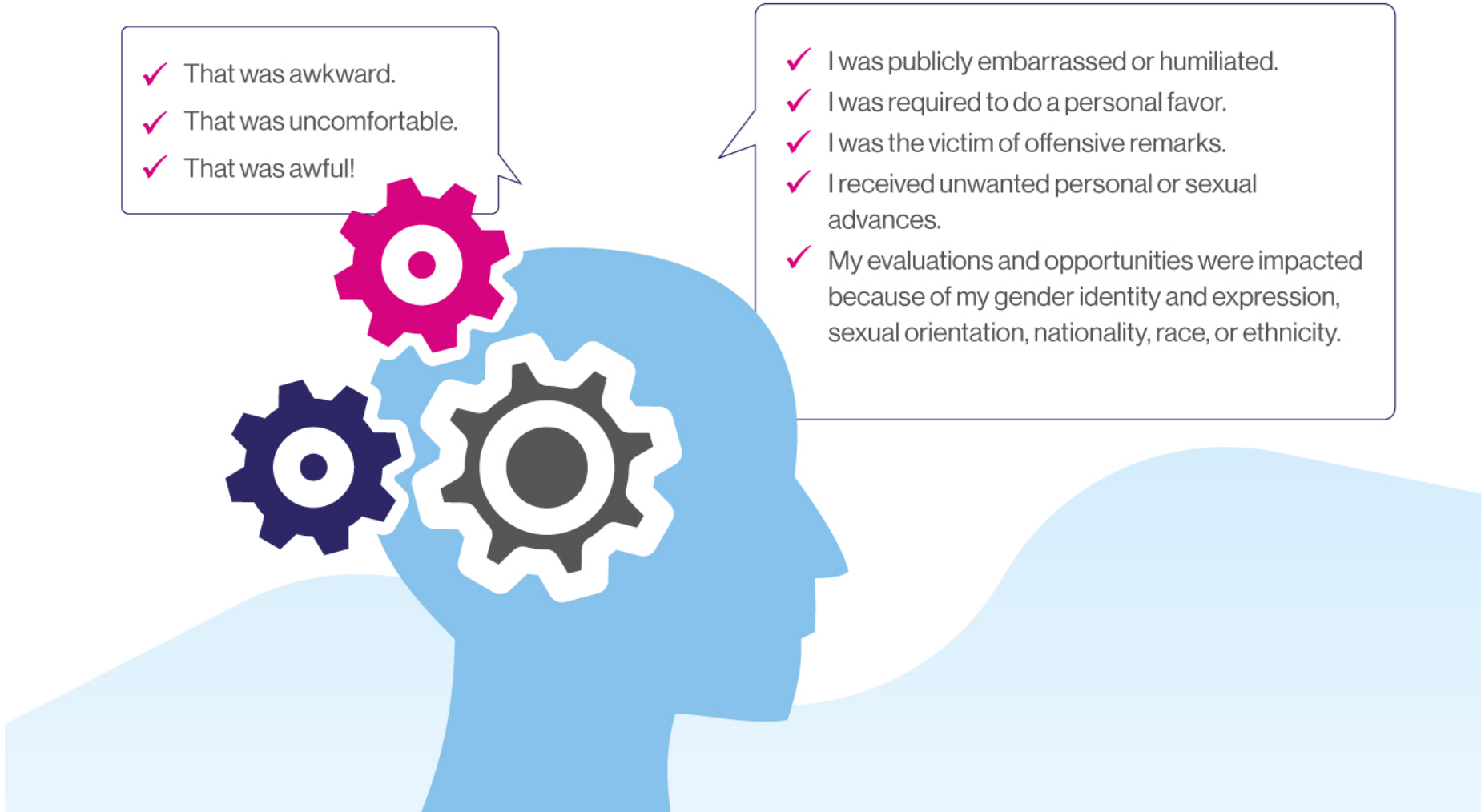
Mistreatment Policy and Reporting

Everyone at ISMMS deserves to experience a learning and working environment that is respectful, dignified, inclusive, and supportive. We are committed to creating a community that is free of mistreatment, abuse, coercion, and fear of retaliation.



Revamped Graduate School Steering Committee (GSSC)

Chair: Robert Krauss

Members: James Manfredi, Eric Sobie, Jeremiah Faith, George Huntley, Marty Walsh, Sander Houten, Brad Rosenberg, Jim Duehr (PhD rep), Ali Keenan (MD/PhD rep), Ashley Humphries (postdocs rep)

Issues resolved with the GSSC:

- Exit pathway for PhD programs – MS or MPhil degree depending on scientific status
- Duration of PhD program – 7 years max, no change of lab after 5 years
- PhD theses: Clarifications on formatting and copyright issues + templates
- New Student progress report/advisory committee forms

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