

# Department of Nutrition

## Policy Document

**Title: Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program (BBSP)**

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## Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program (BBSP)

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### *Policy Statement*

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The Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program is a unified mechanism by which prospective students apply for graduate study in the biological or biomedical sciences at UNC Chapel Hill. BBSP students are admitted without committing to a specific PhD program and are therefore free to explore coursework and faculty that interest them. During the first year, BBSP students are part of small, interest based groups led by faculty members. These groups provide a community for students until they join one of the 14 different member PhD programs. After the first year, students choose a thesis lab and join a PhD program. BBSP students are funded by program grants, however, sponsor contributions are required to cover the student's first year costs. These costs are determined by a formula and spread over three years.

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### *Audience*

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Tenure/tenure track faculty who sponsor doctoral students.

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### *Purpose*

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Provide information regarding the BBSP program to faculty members who are considering sponsoring a PhD student.

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### *Roles and Responsibilities*

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Associate Chair for Academics – Serve as the department lead for the BBSP Program.

Faculty:

- Notify the Associate Chair for Academics and the PhD Student Admissions, Funding, and Progress Committee Chair.
- Understand the financial commitments involved.

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### *Related Regulations or Policies*

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BBSP web site, <http://bbbsp.unc.edu/>

UNC Graduate School Handbook (Updated August 2016)

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