

SUBJECT: Systems & Integrative Biology Training Grant Deadline March 7, 2008

Dear Colleagues:

We would like to start soliciting renewal and new applications for the SIB training program. This NIH sponsored training grant supports doctoral students who wish to pursue research that involves integration of biology/biomedicine and mathematics. Successful applicants must be willing to build a solid foundation in biology or biomedicine and in the mathematical or computational sciences. Trainees are expected to pursue an interdisciplinary course of study and research bridging the biological/medical and mathematical sciences. The total number of trainees funded this year will be 6, pending on the budgetary situation at NIGMS.

By contacting you now, we hope that we can assist in the **recruitment of entering students**. Continuing students are obviously also welcome to apply. **Please feel free to forward this message to your program's graduate admissions committee**. All trainees must be US citizens or permanent residents. Candidates from under-represented groups are especially encouraged to apply.

Applicants can be nominated by their department chairs, graduate advisors, admission committee chairs, or the participating faculty of the training program. Because we hope to evaluate applicants before the current graduate recruitment period ends, **we ask that all applications both new and continuing be submitted to David Tomita, Biomathematics Student Affairs Officer, by Friday, March 7, 2008**. All applications will then be evaluated along with the pool of current trainees who wish to be supported for a second year. All qualified applicants will be ranked by the Advisory Committee, and awards will be announced shortly thereafter.

Please find a 5-page program description and application form with instructions attached. The instructions spell out the different requirements for entering and continuing students. If you have further questions, please contact David Tomita (dtomita@biomath.ucla.edu and 825-5554) or anyone of us (hhuang@mednet.ucla.edu (825-6647), elandaw@biomath.medsch.ucla.edu (825-6743), klange@ucla.edu (206-8076)). David is at room AV-617B CHS in the Biomathematics department.

More information on this training program, the program faculty, and academic requirements is available at David Tomita's office, and can be found on the following website <http://dragon.nuc.ucla.edu/sibtp/>.

Sincerely,

Henry Huang, Elliot Landaw, Kenneth Lange
Executive Committee