

GSBS PROGRAM COORDINATING COMMITTEE

PROS AND CONS OF PROGRAM AFFILIATION

Potential Pros of Program Affiliation:

1. A well-defined organizational structure, which may lead to a more time-efficient completion of degree requirements.
2. Camaraderie of fellow graduate students, which provides enhanced learning and social interaction opportunities.
3. Resources provided by the Program, including office areas, computer access, local reference material access, *etc.*
4. Enhanced opportunities to present research findings at the program, regional, and national level. Program level opportunities include seminars and journal clubs. Regional and national level opportunities include presentations at various scientific/professional meetings with partial or full travel funding potentially provided by the Program.

Potential Cons of Program Affiliation:

1. Structure of some programs may be too rigid for students who wish to pursue truly cross-disciplinary research opportunities.
2. Program structure is not necessarily well-suited for MD/PhD Program trainees.