

Application for Trainees in the Plant Biotechnology for Health and Sustainability Graduate Training Program

All materials are due to Jessica Lawrence (jesslaw@msu.edu) by Monday, 15 May 2023 at 9 AM Eastern US Time.

I started my predoctoral studies at MSU during the 2022-2023 academic year (required):

I am a US Citizen or Permanent Resident (*not required for participation in the program*):

My graduate program is:

My major professor is:

Please have her or him send a signed letter of reference to Jessica Lawrence (jesslaw@msu.edu) by 9 AM on Monday, 15 May 2023.

In addition to recommending you for the program, this letter should include information about how your planned research project will fit into the PBHS training theme and how you will be supported during years 2 and 3 of predoctoral studies. Your advisor should also indicate agreement to abide by the 'obligations of trainees' and 'faculty responsibilities' appropriate for your level of participation described in the memo sent to your mentor and on the website. *Note that, while all faculty members and trainees are encouraged to participate fully, the required level of participation is higher for fellowship funded students and trainers.*

Make sure you discuss the lists of 'Obligations of Trainees' and 'Obligations of Mentors' with your mentor before you apply.

Required materials from the applicant (**in a single PDF, with this signed cover sheet as the first page**):

1. Copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts. These do not need to be official documents but they should come from the website of each organization and be recognizable as being authentic.
2. A 1-2 page (single spaced, 11 point Times New Roman font, 1 inch margins) essay describing your background and experience in the first year of graduate school. Also describe your short to medium term professional goals and tell us how participation in this program will help you achieve these objectives and *how you will contribute to the program*. Also describe your longer term academic and career interests.
3. A 1-2 page summary of your IDP, derived from your completion of the AAAS myIDP (<https://myidp.sciencecareers.org/>) and a detailed discussion with your advisor.

By signing this application, I agree that, if accepted into the program, I will participate fully and abide by the guidelines and requirements described above. ***If granted funding, I understand that a second year of fellowship funding is dependent on satisfactory participation and performance.***

Name

Date

Signature _____

The PBHS community is committed to, and embraces, diversity in all forms. We commit to providing an accessible and inclusive environment where all trainees have access to our program, including people with disabilities. We encourage contact with the Program Director, Robert Last, at lastr@msu.edu or associate PD Danny Ducat at ducatdan@msu.edu to discuss accommodations at any time during the application process or following admission to the program.