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PROGRAM TERMINATION FORM  
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida

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UNIVERSITY: University of Florida

PROGRAM NAME: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

DEGREE LEVEL(S): Ph.D.  
(Ph.D., Ed.D., etc)

CIP CODE: 26.0210  
(Classification of Instructional Programs)

ANTICIPATED TERMINATION DATE: January 1, 2000  
(Last date that students will be accepted into program)

ANTICIPATED PHASE-OUT DATE: October 12, 2012  
(Last date that data will be submitted for this program)

*This is the form to be used for university requests to terminate doctoral degree programs and is recommended for use when terminating other programs. The request should be approved by the University Board of Trustees (UBOT) prior to submission to the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida for approval. Please fill out this form completely for each program to be terminated in order for your request to be processed as quickly as possible. Attach additional pages as necessary to provide a complete response. In the case of baccalaureate or master's degree programs, the UBOT may approve termination in accordance with BOG Regulation 8.012 (3), with notification sent to the Board of Governors, Office of Academic and Student Affairs. The issues outlined below should be examined by the UBOT in approving termination.*

**1. Provide a narrative rationale for the request to terminate the program.**

In 1996, the College of Medicine started a college-wide Ph.D. program, the Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences (IDP), that is composed of six core disciplines including Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Faculty in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB) participate in this program, and all of our Biochemistry graduate students are admitted via this program. We have not admitted a Ph.D. student into the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Ph.D. Program in over 10 years. All of the formal courses offered in our Departmental Graduate Program are still offered through the IDP program and the curriculum is fundamentally the same. The college-wide IDP program is advantageous for students, faculty, and the department. Students have more choices for faculty mentors, not just those faculty in the BMB department, and faculty have a larger pool of students. By having a college-wide program, we avoid duplication of topics in courses and duplication of effort on the part of both faculty and staff. Given that the Departmental Program represents a duplication of

**3. Indicate on which campus(es) the program is being offered and the extent to which the proposed termination has had or will have an impact on enrollment, enrollment planning, and/or the reallocation of resources.**

The Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Ph.D. program is offered at the University of Florida in the College of Medicine on the Gainesville campus. This program has been inactive for more than 10 years; the last student entered the BCH Ph.D. program in January 2000. Because we offer essentially the same curriculum through the college-wide IDP program, there will be no impact on our current students or faculty.

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4. **Provide an explanation of the manner in which the University intends to accommodate any students or faculty who are currently active in the program scheduled to be terminated. State what steps have been taken to inform students and faculty of the intent to terminate the program?**

There are currently no students in the Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Ph.D. program. This program has been inactive for over 10 years. All the faculty who participated in the departmental program now participate in the college-wide IDP program. Graduate coordinators in other departments who may have students that minor in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology have been notified about this change by email. We have explained that the course offerings will not change, the students will simply receive their minor in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the IDP program. In terms of future enrollment, the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology recruits Ph.D. students through the IDP program. Our website advises students interested in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology to apply to the Ph.D. through the IDP program.

5. **Provide data (and cite source) on the gender and racial distribution of students and faculty. For faculty also list the rank and tenure status of all affected individuals.**

Students and faculty will not be affected by the termination of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BCH) Ph.D. program because the same curriculum is offered through the college-wide Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences. We have not admitted a student to the BCH Ph.D. program in over 10 years; the last student was admitted in January 2000. There are many advantages for both the students and faculty by offering the BCH curriculum through the college-wide IDP program rather than the stand-alone departmental program. Merging the programs gives the students many more choices for faculty advisors and formal courses that may be taken towards their degrees. We have more faculty from across the college who participate in teaching the biochemistry courses who are able to contribute their unique expertise. Because the IDP program recruits more students than the stand-alone departmental program, faculty in the biochemistry program have more opportunities for recruiting students to their individual research programs.

During the last five years of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Ph.D. Program (1995/1996 - 1999/2000 academic years), 20 students received Ph.D. degrees. Of those 20, 9 were female and 11 were male, 16 were white and 4 were Asian. There are currently 35 faculty with appointments in the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. Of those 38 faculty

6. **Identify any potential negative impact of the proposed action on the current representation of females, minorities, faculty, and students.**

There will be no negative impact of termination of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Ph.D. Program on any group of students or faculty. The Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Ph.D. program has been inactive for more than 10 years because we have gone to the college-wide IDP program. The same Biochemistry and Molecular Biology curriculum that was offered through the stand-alone departmental Ph.D. program is currently offered through the College of Medicine-wide Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences.

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Signature of Requestor/Initiator

10/12/12

Date

David J. [Signature]

Signature of Campus EO Officer

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Signature of College Dean

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Signature of Vice President for  
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