Program: Molecular and Cellular Biology Ph.D. Program  
Rating: High Quality

The MCB program is a successful interdisciplinary graduate program with excellent %completion (93%). The program had a total enrollment of 42 PhD students in fall 2008. Applicants have more than doubled in the past 5 years and the program would like to increase its size. Median TTD is 5.9 years which is just slightly longer than the TTD of 5.7 yr for the disciplinary group. Graduates are placed in good postdoc positions at academic research institutions. A flexible graduate curriculum has been developed. This is a high quality graduate program with very good graduate students and substantial faculty participation. Sustained excellence of this IDGP depends on continued faculty participation and stable financial support. These and other challenges to interdisciplinary graduate programs are discussed in the narrative of the Task Force report.