EMAIL SCRIPT to FACULTY

Hello [Colleague Name],

I am writing to ask for your help in letting your students know about the exciting opportunities available to them in the [Quantitative and Systems Biology](http://qsb.ucmerced.edu/) (QSB) Graduate Program at the [University of California, Merced](https://www.ucmerced.edu/about).

The QSB graduate program trains students in quantitative and interdisciplinary biology research, with particular emphasis on molecular and cell biology, ecology and evolutionary biology, systems and synthetic biology, and quantitative biology and bioinformatics.

Our collaborative environment, coupled with [strong research ties at UC Merced and across the country](http://qsb.ucmerced.edu/partnerships), provides students with opportunities to become excellent scientists while answering difficult, topical questions. Moreover, our faculty *[highlight some faculty achievements and how students in your department succeed].*

UC Merced is a campus committed to the success and [support of our graduate students](https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/GRC). Currently 97 percent of our Ph.D. students receive [full financial support.](https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/financial-support) With the lowest cost of living across the UC system, funding stretches further at UC Merced allowing our students to focus on research and a timely completion of degree.

More details about our program and requirements can be found on our website: https://qsb.ucmerced.edu/who-we-are. I also invite you to learn more by viewing our program [flier](https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/sites/graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/files/page/documents/170919_qsb_gradflier_revise_for_email.pdf) and [information video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wvPNKTvhUeY&list=PLEevUfy_ZXSPk09YLE1-9hpT-CWBSCjue).

Please feel free to forward this email to your undergraduate and master’s students whom might be a good fit for the program. Thank you for helping to spread the word to your students and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

EMAIL SCRIPT to STUDENTS

Hello [Name],

Greetings, this is [insert your name] from the [Quantitative and Systems Biology](http://qsb.ucmerced.edu/) graduate program at the [University of California, Merced](https://www.ucmerced.edu/about). We met at the recent [conference/graduate fair] and I wanted to follow up with you on your interest in our program. (NOTE: if you did not meet at a grad fair, you can briefly describe how you came about the student’s information)

UC Merced's Ph.D. program in Quantitative and Systems Biology prepares students for academic and research careers. Graduates of our Ph.D. program are currently employed in tenure-track academic positions, industry, and in research positions throughout the state and country. Whether your passion is to reduce human suffering from disease, mitigate climate-change effects on ecosystems or advance how we understand, explain and predict living systems, your career will benefit from the unique competitive advantages of a QSB degree. Our collaborative environment, coupled with [strong research ties inside UC Merced and across the country](http://qsb.ucmerced.edu/partnerships) provides students with opportunities to become excellent scientists while answering difficult, topical questions. Moreover, all admitted doctoral students receive [generous funding packages](https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/financial-support).

More details about our program, faculty and requirements can be found on our [website](http://qsb.ucmerced.edu/join-us/we-want-you), I also encourage you to learn more by viewing our program [flier](https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/sites/graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/files/page/documents/170919_qsb_gradflier_revise_for_email.pdf) and [information video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wvPNKTvhUeY&list=PLEevUfy_ZXSPk09YLE1-9hpT-CWBSCjue).

The priority deadline for Fall 2020 admission is December 15, 2019. The general deadline is January 15, 2020. We also offer a Master of Science in Quantitative and Systems Biology.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about our program or curricula. Thank you for considering graduate studies at UC Merced.

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