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Spring 2017 Commencement

Congratulations to the Spring 2017 graduates! The MMB program is proud of its 14 students who graduated from the program in May.

Paul Gibson, Steve Graham, Molly Harris, Shweta Murthy, Brahma Penugonda, Emily Potisek, Ryan Randall, Lavanya Rao, Danny Schmitt, Priyvanka Vala, Jacob Vasser, Gowri Vridhambal, Saurabh Vishhwanath, and Richard Young received their Master of Microbial Biotechnology on May 13, 2017. While some of the graduates have already started working in full-time positions, including at Locus Biosciences, Stratos Genomics, and Grifols, others are continuing their studies in the MBA program at NC State.

Graduates at the May 13th Department of Plant and Microbial Biology Graduation Ceremony

MMB Program Continues to Partner with Local Companies

First-year students completed their second industry practicum project during the spring semester. Three teams worked with local companies to analyze a specific issue, develop a plan with milestones and deliverables, and synthesize a set of recommendations or findings for the client companies.

Advanced Animal Diagnostics

Thank you to the following companies for their support of the MMB program:

AFFINERGY

Advanced Animal Diagnostics
Team Project: Research and Market Analysis for a Blood Leukocyte Differential in Swine Production

Affinergy
Team Project: Review of Potential Candidates for Therapeutic Drug Monitoring

LOCUS BIOSCIENCES
ENGINEERING PRECISION MEDICINES

Locus Biosciences
Team Project: Investigation of Causative Disease Agents in the Microbiome

MMB Program Welcomes a New Coordinator

Meaghan Nappo joined the MMB program in April of 2017. She received her Master of Arts in History, with a concentration in public history from the University of North Carolina Wilmington. After graduate school she spent several years working at the University of Georgia where she coordinated freshmen transition programs and a first generation student scholarship. She later moved to Raleigh to serve as director of the Joel Lane Museum House. As a native of Raleigh, she enjoys exploring the ever-changing cityscape and looks forward to continuing her career in higher education.

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MMB Graduates Earn an Average Salary of $79,484

The MMB program office conducted an alumni salary survey in June of 2017. The 54 respondents earned an average of $79,484 a year. Alumni with an MMB degree earned $66,162 and MMB/MBA alumni earned an average of $98,899.

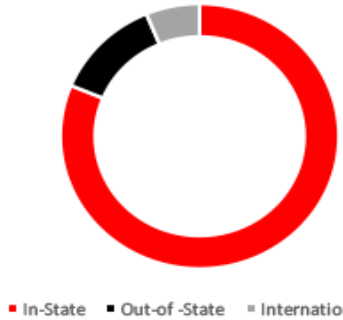
Thank you to all the alumni who particpated in the survey!

Fall 2017 Admission Stats

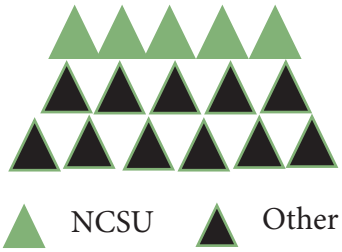
16 Accepted
15 Domestic
1 International
(Fullbright Scholar)

THE MMB PROGRAM RECEIVED 45 APPLICATIONS

Residency



2018 Cohort Undergraduate University



Inaugural Capstone Course

Second-year MMB students participated in the program's first capstone project course. With input from its Industry Advisory Board, the MMB program inplemented a new capstone course that serves as the culmintating course for students.

As the final MMB program project, the capstone integrated the tools and concepts from coursework and training offered during the previous three semesters. The course allowed students to display innovation and entreprenurialism through the project development process and final deliverable. The final product included a video, presentation, and business plan. The final projects included:

- NC Brew Labs: Improving Beer, Helping Brewers
- Transforming the Plant Transformation Lab
- FarmFridge: Grow. Tast. Live Well.

1st and 2nd year students and Dr. Hamillton after end-of-semester presentations

Thank you to Jason Caplan and Dick Kouri for their help with final project evaluations!

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- Registration fees for career and professional fairs

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