



Announcements

- Dr. Cress has requested to step down as Director of Student Recruitment and Admissions. His efforts have been and will continue to be greatly appreciated.
- Dr. Monteiro has agreed to become the new Director of Student Recruitment and Admissions. He will be a great asset to the program.
- Erica Fadali, Program Administrator, has decided to begin her own PhD training in Educational Policy Studies at the University of Wisconsin. Her last day will be Aug. 6. We are currently in the process of finding a new person to fill Erica's role.
- Tom Guadagno will continue as the Graduate Student Advisor for his third year.

Courses

- Current Topics in Cancer Biology
 - Dr. Gabrilovich has agreed to direct the course for a third year
 - **PENDING**~~ A policy change has been requested which would limit the class to only 2nd and 3rd year students. The class would remain small enough for discussions and allow the senior students to focus more on their research. Any student may attend if they have a specific interest in meeting a particular speaker. We will inform you if the committee approves this request.
- Advances in Cancer Biology –
 - Ed Seto will direct the class for the Fall
 - Doug Cress will direct the class in the spring
- Cancer Biology I – Kumar Chellappan will begin his second year as director
- Tools for Cancer Research – Noreen Luetkeke will begin her fourth year as director
- Cancer Biology II – Bill Kerr will begin his third year as director of this Spring course



Update

Faculty

- New Cancer Biology faculty members approved last year:
 - Dr. Hazlehurst
 - Dr. Monteiro



Students

- Fall 2004 incoming class:
 - Amy Samec, University of South Florida
 - Nicholas Woods, University of Nebraska
 - Philip Wong, McGill University, Canada
 - Neha Kabra, University of Delhi, India
 - Alyson Fay, University of Massachusetts
 - Meghan Kreeger, University of Arizona
- The event that formerly known as the "Cancer Biology Wine and Cheese" has been changed. On the evening of "Meet-the-Mentors Day" (August 27), a casual welcoming dinner will be held in the SRB. It should be **fun!**
- This year's 1st year students have all selected a mentor. They are:
 - Christina DeCook with the Chellappan lab
 - Rebecca Kinkade with the Chellappan lab
 - Adam Carie with the Sebti lab
 - Daniele Gilkes with the Chen lab
 - Amy Detrick with the Kerr lab
 - Cheryl Meyerkord with the Wang lab
- The following student have been admitted to candidacy:
 - Joe Wahle
 - Cindy LeBron
 - Scott Freeman
 - Jose Rodriguez

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Travel Awards

- Joe Wahle will attend the **Cold Spring Harbor Stem Cell Meeting**
- Amy Dedrick will attend the **American Association of Immunologists Advanced Course in Immunology** at Stanford
- Scott Freeman will attend **AACR's course: Cell Cycle and Cancer: Pathways and Therapies**

Fellowships

- Joe Wahle received a predoctoral fellowship American Heart Association
- Jose Rodriguez received the Latino Graduate Award from USF

Publications

Jennelle McQuown:

Sub-fertility, uterine hypoplasia, and partial progesterone resistance in mice lacking the Kruppel-like factor 9/basic transcription element binding protein-1 (Bteb1) gene

...it should be out in JBC in either July or August

Grants Submitted

- Congratulations to Christina DeCook for applying for the DOD Breast Cancer Research Program Predoctoral Traineeship Award

I know that a few other people submitted, but I don't have the details...