Neurobiology and Behavior Graduate Program Faculty Town Hall Meeting
November 19, 2015

Student statistics: 94 matriculated students
Yearly class size: 1995 (inception) 3 | 2013 (minimum gain) +6 | 2014 (maximum gain) +15 | 2015 +12
Faculty statistics: 2015 (current) training faculty: 115 faculty mentors | 1995 (inception) 40

A. Admissions
- Applications due December 4, 2015
- Admissions committee meets the beginning of December 2015; invites 60 of ~400 to interview
- Recruitment open houses hosted at Columbia: January 21-22 and February 4-5, 2016
- Acceptance decisions sent by mid-February
- Applicant responses due April 1, 2016

B. Key numbers
Columbia stipend: $37,228; tuition $43,548; fees: $5883 | NIH Stipend: $23,608; tuition: $16,000; fees: $4,200
Program supports the first two years of training for each student:
Training grant slots: 21 Total Research Training: 10 slots (Kelley); Advanced: 4 slots (Greene, DiPaolo);
Vision: 4 slots (Mason); Theory: 3 slots (Abbott, Miller)

C. Course schedule
Year 1: Intro to Neural Science; Experimental Approaches; Ethics
Rotation schedule: Expected rotation length is 3 months. Recommended rotation periods are:
Rotation 1: mid Sept-mid December
Rotation 2: early January (right after New Year) - end of March
Rotation 3: early April - end of June
Year 2: Nano course on specific aims, Qualifying spring/early summer of year 2
Year 3-5: Professionals skills for neuroscientists and Thesis committee meetings

D. Program and Student Support:
- Institutional (GSAS, P&S Dean, Department of Neuroscience)
- NIH Training grants (T32s)
- Individual fellowships (NIH, NSF, private sponsors)
- Funding from faculty mentors

E. Optimal size of the NB&B program:
- Relation to size of the applicant pool
- Relation to faculty size
- Relation to available funding support
Neurobiology and Behavior Program Committees

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- Darcy Kelley
- Carol Mason
- Ken Miller

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- Conor Dempsey
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- Representatives from depts. and programs;

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