



October 25, 2021

W. Randy Smith, Vice Provost
Council on Academic Affairs
Bricker Hall
CAMPUS

Dear Randy,

The College of Arts and Sciences is in full support of the proposal from the Department of Molecular Genetics to create a combined Bachelor of Science/Master of Science degree in Molecular Genetics.

The rationale provided by the Department of Molecular Genetics is sound and thorough. Foremost, high-performing students will be able to obtain their combined degree in 5 years (or even less, should they arrive at OSU with college credit). The combined degree will position them well for admission to professional school, PhD programs, or employment in fields where a Master of Science degree in Molecular Genetics is required or preferred. The Department is hoping to launch the new combined degree in Autumn of 2022.

The proposal was reviewed and fully approved by the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee on October 22, 2021. The departmental contact for the proposal is Professor Susan Cole, Vice Chair of Molecular Genetics.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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