

Computational Biology & Medicine

CBM Student-Sponsor Agreement Form The Rockefeller University

Major Sponsor: _____

CBM Student: _____ Matriculation Year: _____

Major Sponsor Support Start Date: _____

CBM students joining an RU lab are subject to the rules and regulations of CBM and the David Rockefeller Graduate School (RU), the degree-granting institution. The Major Sponsor is expected to provide rigorous academic and professional mentorship, while the student commits to the full-time pursuit of their training as a biomedical scientist.

CBM Funding Structure

By signing this agreement, the Major Sponsor acknowledges the following funding structure:

Training Year	Stipend Support	Tuition & Health Fees
Year 1	100% CBM Program	100% CBM Program
Year 2-5	100% RU	100% RU
Year 6+	100% Major Sponsor	100% RU

FY27 Financial Reference Table

The following rates apply to the **July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027**, fiscal period. CBM will provide notification of updated rates for future fiscal years via email.

Stipend	\$55,620 (FY27)
Tuition & Health Fees	\$12,605 (FY27)

Mentorship Responsibilities

- Ensure the trainee meets all CBM and RU deadlines, specifically the Thesis Research Proposal (TRP) and regular Thesis Committee meetings.
- Support comprehensive career and professional development of the student, according to the student's own career interests, including at least annual reviews of the student's Individual Development Plan (IDP).
- Mentors are required to complete CBM-approved mentor training and are strongly encouraged to attend mentorship continuing education workshops to remain current on best practices for trainee support and career development.

Major Sponsor Acknowledgment

I formally accept this student into my laboratory for their PhD thesis studies and commit to serving as their primary mentor. I acknowledge my academic and financial obligations as outlined in the CBM Funding Structure. I certify that I have the resources to support this student through the completion of their PhD.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Acknowledgment & Commitment

I confirm that my Major Sponsor has accepted me into their laboratory for my PhD thesis studies. I recognize that my training represents a substantial financial investment by my advisor and institution, and I commit my full effort to my training.

- I understand that my advisor is committed to my overall career and professional development, and I will engage actively in this mentor–mentee relationship.
- I agree to adhere to all CBM rules and policies, including curriculum and committee requirements (e.g., TRP and Thesis Committee meetings) as specified on the CBM website.
- I understand that I am also subject to the rules and policies of RU's Code of Legislation.
- I acknowledge my responsibility to work in the laboratory full-time and to adhere to all institutional policies regarding internships and external employment.
- I understand that I must remain in good academic standing to utilize my research allowance.
- I understand that I will be offered rental housing accommodations by the institution of my primary thesis laboratory and may be required to relocate from my current transient housing as a result.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please submit PDF or scanned copy via email to:

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