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Dear Professor Gribble:

Thank you for your application for ASBMB program accreditation. We are pleased to inform you that the ASBMB has accredited your B.S. in Molecular Biology program for a **FULL seven-year term, through December 31, 2028**. Your renewal application will be due in October of 2028.

Aspects of your application that were considered praiseworthy include:

- Strong credentials of your program's faculty and their publication history.
- Students' success in finding and completing internships.
- Statistics course as an element of the curriculum.

Despite the overall strength of your application, some areas of relative weakness, ambiguity or concern were identified:

- Coverage of curriculum topics associated with "energy" and "homeostasis."
- Lack of data concerning assessment of student progress and success in internships.

Looking ahead to your renewal application in 2028, please note that weaknesses were identified in your program in items considered "Critical" (see [rubric](#)), specifically, Core curriculum: energy; Underlying concept: homeostasis. These must be remedied, or partial progress toward or lack of remediation must be explained, before a new approval will be granted. It makes sense to address these deficiencies in the near term, rather than waiting until you are preparing your new application.

Additionally, please note that sections of the application may be modified slightly each year by the accreditation sub-committee. When it is time to apply for renewal, please be sure to use the latest version of the application to ensure all components are adequately addressed.

We encourage you to share this good news with your university community and stakeholders. If you are contemplating the release of an article, blog post or press release, please know that the ASBMB is very interested in helping to promote it. We ask that you send a copy to Allison Frick, multimedia and social media content manager, at africk@asbmb.org. If you send a tweet, please tag @ASBMB in it, and we'll retweet you.

Again, we thank you for your excellent application and congratulate you on your strong program. We look forward to working with you in the future.



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Sincerely,

John T. Tansey for the ASBMB department/program accreditation sub-committee.