Thank you for your interest in our graduate programs. The Department of Biological Sciences at Wayne State University offers a broad choice of courses, research programs and teaching opportunities. Each student follows an individualized program with a focus on original research, publication and presentation at meetings. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students. Graduates of our program have accepted faculty positions, started companies, gone into government service and hold research and teaching positions all over the world.

Wayne State University is a comprehensive, nationally ranked research institution that offers state of the art facilities. These include molecular, microscopy and proteomic core facilities at the School of Medicine and the Lumigen Instrument Center in the Department of Chemistry. The Department of Biological Sciences is well equipped for molecular genetics, imaging, microbiology, ecology and neurobiology.

Our PhD students receive financial support for at least 5 years of study. Support as a graduate teaching assistant, research assistant or graduate fellow provides a stipend, tuition and health benefits. On campus housing is available, and many graduate students live in apartments near campus.

Wayne State is situated in the cultural center of Detroit, close to museums and restaurants. The neighborhoods surrounding Wayne State are undergoing transformation with new shops, apartments and cafes springing up. Public transportation and Zip Cars, found in many parking lots, bring all of Detroit and surrounding lakes, parks and suburbs within reach. Not only is Detroit a major city with world-class music and sporting events, but students can find reduced prices at the symphony and stadium!

The Department of Biological Sciences has strong research programs across the whole range of biological sciences. I invite you to visit the faculty profiles in our directory to explore your options for research in our department. Our students also find rich opportunities outside of the lab and classroom. You will be able to explore a broad range of career paths through the Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training (BEST) program. The ReBUILD Detroit program develops teaching strength to serve our diverse community, and T-RUST trains STEM graduate students to work in local urban communities. These programs offer our students the opportunity to develop skills and explore careers while completing their graduate training. We look forward to receiving your application. If you have questions please contact me at vmeller@biology.biosci.wayne.edu, our graduate secretary at rpriest@wayne.edu or our graduate committee chair at loripile@wayne.edu. We look forward to receiving your application for graduate study.

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