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Dear Colleague:

The Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY is recruiting highly qualified students for graduate fellowship positions for the 2008-2009 academic year. We offer a competitive stipend (currently \$21,514 per year) with a full waiver of tuition. Because no teaching or administrative duties are required, our students can focus their efforts on graduate courses and research. Most of our students, upon receiving their Ph.D. degree, are accepted for postdoctoral positions into first-rate laboratories both in major research centers and in the biotechnology industry.

Our department and our university have changed dramatically over the past several years. Both the department and university have focused on areas that are at the forefront of modern life sciences. Recently, more than 20 new faculty members have been hired for tenure-track appointments in the basic science departments. All of these faculty members have active laboratories that apply the most advanced experimental techniques in approaching their research problems. Another 10-20 additional appointments are expected in the next couple of years.

Also, the 7 departments and programs of SUNY Upstate have merged into a single graduate admissions program that allows students to access every faculty member at Upstate. Students can apply to our interdepartmental Biomedical Sciences Program (BMS) and then join a department after the first year. If they would like to focus on Biochemistry from outset, they may apply directly to the department, though most students now enter through the BMS Program.

Enclosed is a brochure describing the graduate program in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the SUNY Upstate Medical University. Students may also browse either our BMS Program web site (<http://www.upstate.edu/grad/>) or our departmental web site (<http://www.upstate.edu/biochem/>) and request further information or an application.

We are excited about our program and we hope that you will bring the material to the attention of your students.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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