

Training Program in
**Basic Microbiology and Infectious
Disease**

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Program-specific BMID Training Activities

- 1) BMID Distinguished Seminar series
- 2) Combined Case Conferences in Infectious Disease
- 3) Career Development Round Tables
- 4) Summer Internship Program
- 5) BMID Mini-Symposium
- 6) Monthly Professional Development Meetings

External Advisory Board

For the first time in the Program's history, we have established an External Advisory Board to provide a yearly assessment of our Program, and to provide advice and new ideas to enhance our training program and get the most out of our NIH and Institutional resources

External Advisory Board

Criteria for board member selection:

- Expertise in area of focus of our training program
- Recognized leaders in their areas of research as well as in graduate and professional education and training
- People that we felt would work well together and really be engaged during their visits
- Diversity

External Advisory Board

- **Rebecca Dutch, Ph.D.** (University of Kentucky)
 - Dean for Biomedical Education
- **Jeffrey Frelinger, Ph.D.** (University of Arizona)
 - Former Chair of the Dept. of Microbiology at UNC
- **Stacey Schultz-Cherry, Ph.D.** (St. Jude)
 - Leader in the field of influenza pathogenesis and transmission

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During the past 4 years we have found our EAB to be an INVALUABLE resource:

- Provide an objective “outsider” view
- Trainees tell the EAB things (good and bad) that they do not communicate to us!
- Sounding board for new ideas or changes to the program