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**REQUEST FOR REOPENING ADMISSIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA:
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN IMMUNOLOGY**

Action Requested: Consider approval of the request by University of Iowa to reopen admissions for a Doctor of Philosophy in Immunology from the Graduate College.

The Council of Provosts and Board office support approval of this program.

Background:

Description of proposed program. Since Fall 2016 this program has been offered as a subprogram within the Biomedical Sciences program. This proposal is to reopen admissions to this program and close admissions of the subprogram within the Biomedical Sciences program.

Academic objectives. The goal of the Immunology graduate program is to educate and train students toward independent careers as investigators and educators in cutting-edge research, teaching and service in basic and applied Immunology; to develop the student's ability to critically think and evaluate data and the literature, to problem solve, to expand their technical skills, and to design rigorous and reproducible experiments that increase both their knowledge base and allow them to address scientific questions in immunology and to develop the student's ability to communicate their scientific findings and knowledge via both written and oral methods to a variety of audiences.

Relationship to existing programs at the institution. The intent is to reopen admissions to this program and close admissions of the subprogram within the Biomedical Sciences program.

Relationship to existing programs at other colleges and universities. The relationship of the proposed program to existing programs at other colleges and universities in Iowa remains unchanged since it is a reopening of admissions.

Unique features. The strong history of continued success of the program and its former trainees, the availability of faculty who are world leading experts making cutting-edge discoveries in Immunology, and the continued strategic focus of the University of Iowa, the Graduate College and the College of Medicine on Immunology and graduate student education make it an ideal and appropriate place for an interdisciplinary graduate program in Immunology.

Resources to establish a high-quality program. This graduate program has established a long history of providing high-quality graduate education and will continue to support the students through its personnel, facilities, and equipment.

Projected student enrollment.

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Graduate	6-8	6-8	6-8	6-8	6-8	6-8	6-8

Accreditation. The proposed program will not apply for an academic program accreditation.

Evaluation plan. This proposal was reviewed by Graduate Council, Graduate Faculty and the Provost.

Date of implementation. Fall 2020.