

NCS- MICROBIOLOGY PROGRAM PRACTICES

Questions 1A, 1B - Communication with Potential Doctoral Students

Questions 2A, 2B – Admission

Questions 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D – Orientation and Advisement

Questions 4A, 4B – Social Interactions

Questions	Answers	
1A	When potential graduate students contact your department for information, who handles the inquiries? (Please provide the title rather than names)	Director of Graduate Programs (DGP) and/or Graduate Secretary
1B	What type of information is usually sent in response to such inquiries?	E-mail answering specific questions, attached interactive Puff's for program web pages.
2A	Who in your department makes the decision about which applicants to admit (or to recommend for admission)? (Please provide the title rather than names).	Graduate Admissions Committee recommends, Head approves/decides
2B	What criteria are used in making this decision?	GPA's, GRE's, research experience, phone interview, personal interview
3A	How does your department orient new students to graduate study?	Orientation starts before arrival using e-mails formal department orientations prior to or immediately after NCSU Graduate School's own orientation
3B	Who handles initial course advisement for new doctoral students, and how is that person selected?	Initial course registrations are made by Graduate Secretary, advising is by DGP until permanent chair is selected
3C	Describe the process by which a student selects or is assigned a dissertation chair.	Based almost exclusively on interaction developed during rotations conducted during first semester.
3D	Can students in your department change dissertation chairs? If so, how is that change accomplished?	Yes. Through negotiation between chairs, head and student
4A	Other than formal coursework, does your department offer, sponsor, or support activities designed to foster social support and/or collaborative	No.

	learning among doctoral students? (E.g., study groups, student organizations, student-student mentoring programs) If so, please describe.	
4B	Does your department hold regular social activities in which students can interact informally with faculty members and other students? If so, please describe	The department's graduate student association holds several social events each year (Spring and Fall picnic, Symposium).