

Your Path to a PhD

During the first semester, you will embark on lab rotations alongside research faculty and participate in coursework with fellow trainees. At the end of the semester, you will join a laboratory and select one of the 11 BSTP PhD programs. Starting in the second semester, you will begin your program-specific coursework and embark on the research that will ultimately make up your PhD dissertation research. Each PhD program includes various retreats, journal clubs, conferences, and seminars designed to develop your analytic and presentation skills to prepare you for a successful career.

Our program's collaborative research environment and training philosophy promotes professional outcomes in the traditional academic career trajectory, as well as careers across non-academic industries.

The Average PhD Candidate's Journey

Time to Degree: 4 6 years

Lab Rotation Time: First 6 months

Publications/Graduate: 5.4

1st Author Publications/Graduate: 2.3

CWRU Invests in You

100% fully-funded tuition, mandatory fees and health insurance

\$37K annual stipend to PhD students

\$2K moving stipend

Admissions Timeline and Core Application Requirements

Admissions Cycle	Time
BSTP Application Opens	September
Priority Application Deadline	October 15
Final Application Deadline	January 1
Virtual Interviews	November - March
Decisions Made	December - April
Admitted Student Events	January - March
Program & Rotations Begin	July 1

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