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Dear Professor Borland,

Thank you very much for your response to the initial review of your application for ASBMB department/program accreditation. We appreciate your efforts to address the issues that were identified and we are pleased to inform you that the ASBMB has accredited your program for the **full 7-year term (March 15, 2015, through March 14, 2022)**. These dates are based on the original application, received in fall 2014.

Aspects of your application that were considered particularly noteworthy included:

- Strong experiential learning and extensive lab experiences
- Over 90% of students participate in independent research
- Excellent integration of inquiry based learning into the curriculum
- Thorough assessment of student performance and learning objectives in individual courses
- Within faculty research, it was good to see a publication in *Biochem. Mol. Biol. Educ.*

Despite the overall strength of your application, some areas of relative weakness were identified that provide the following opportunities for future improvement or growth:

- Increased opportunities for oral presentations integrated throughout the curriculum
- Increased faculty research strength (evidenced by postdoctoral experience) as a consideration when hiring new faculty

As we gain experience with this new program, we continue to identify ways in which the process can be improved in both substance and execution. In particular, we would appreciate receiving more information on the following topics as part of your next renewal application:

- We hope to see more information about activities and efforts to increase diversity at the department and program level. For example, the 2013 Bloomsburg University campus climate survey noted lower student diversity in the College of Science and Technology than other colleges. Has this improved in recent years? The ASBMB does not mean to target any specific number; rather, we hope to promote recognition that this is an important issue for our discipline.



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We encourage you to share this good news with your university community and stakeholders. If you are contemplating the release of an article, blog post or press release, please know that the ASBMB is very interested in helping to promote it. We therefore ask that you send a copy to Allison Frick (africk@asbmb.org). If you send a tweet, tag @ASBMB in it, and we'll retweet you.

As a benefit of ASBMB Accreditation, your school will receive one free year of membership for up to 10 students if your school begins an ASBMB undergraduate student chapter. For more information on ASBMB's undergraduate programs, please contact Andrea Anastasio at aanastasio@asbmb.org.

Again, we thank you for your application and congratulate you on your strong program. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Adele J. Wolfson for the ASBMB department/program accreditation subcommittee