

Department of Pharmacology
University of Michigan

Program Requirements:

In addition to the PIBS first-year requirements:

Physiology 510

Pharmacology 610, 611, 612, 614, 615, 616, 617

Pharmacology 646 (Seminar) (3 seminars)

Pharmacology 990/995 (Research)

Electives

There is a one-semester teaching requirement.

The preliminary examination in Pharmacology is an oral exam based on a short research proposal chosen by the student. The exam is given in May of the student's second year.

The average time to complete a degree in Pharmacology is five years.

Our program focuses on training for the doctoral degree in preparation for research careers in the pharmaceutical industry, government laboratories and universities.

Special events or program highlights:

The Department of Pharmacology's Pharmacological Sciences Training Program (PSTP) hosts a symposium each March, organized by graduate students who are PSTP trainees. Students arrange for a well-known scientist to give the keynote address.

The Annual Pharmacology Research Colloquium is held in June with four universities participating. The hosting of the colloquium rotates between these schools: The Medical College of Ohio, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, and the University of Michigan. Pharmacology graduate students are responsible for organizing the colloquium when it is hosted at the University of Michigan every four years.

The Department of Pharmacology maintains strong ties with Pfizer Laboratories and has adjunct faculty that are employed at Pfizer.

An annual retreat is held in the fall.

An Alumni Steering Committee exists and meets yearly to advise and support the department.