Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Survey of Alumni Experience

Welcome to the Kenyon Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB) Alumni survey. We appreciate your willingness to participate.

This 15 minute survey is designed to understand the impact of the Kenyon BMB program and identify its successes and areas for improvement. Your participation is voluntary and your responses are strictly confidential.

A few questions in the survey will reference the Biology and Chemistry courses required for the BMB major. You can find the Biology course descriptions at http://www.kenyon.edu/x10220.xml and Chemistry course descriptions at http://www.kenyon.edu/x10398.xml. You can also view the courses required for both majors at http://www.kenyon.edu/x10396.xml.

If you have any questions regarding this survey or the BMB program, please contact Karen Hicks, Associate Professor of Biology, 740-427-5379, hicksk@kenyon.edu. If you have any questions regarding the survey results or your participation in this survey, please contact Erika Farfan, Director of Institutional Research, 740-427-5571, farfane@kenyon.edu.

About you

In what year did you graduate? *

2003

Are you currently enrolled in or have you had any formal education since graduating from Kenyon College? *

☐ Yes
☐ No

Further education

Have you completed a degree since leaving Kenyon?

☐ Yes
☐ No

What other degrees are you currently pursuing, have started, or completed since leaving Kenyon College? (check all that apply)

☐ B.A./B.S. (other than your Kenyon degree)
☐ Master's degree such as M.A., M.S., M.B.A., etc.
☐ Doctoral degree such as Ph.D.
☐ A professional degree such as M.D., D.O., J.D., D.V.M., etc.
No other degrees earned.

Other: __________

Please list the name(s) and approximate enrollment dates of the program(s) and school(s) you are attending or have attended:

Experience

Please indicate which of the following best describes your primary activity approximately three months after your Kenyon graduation. (check all that apply)

- Academic (teaching)
- Academic (research, non-teaching)
- Medicine (e.g. physician, physician's assistant, dentist, nurse, veterinarian, etc.)
- Health-related (e.g. pharmacist, dietetics, physical therapy, etc.)
- Industry (e.g. research and development, quality assurance, pharmaceuticals, environmental, etc.)
- Business (e.g. sales, information technology, marketing, etc.)
- Graduate or professional school
- Other: __________

Is your current primary activity in the fields of biochemistry or molecular biology or a related field?

- Yes
- No

Please indicate which of the following best describes your current primary activity. (check all that apply)

- Academic (teaching)
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- Other: __________

Perceptions

Compared to your present peers, what advantages do or did you experience as a result of your Kenyon BMB
Compared to your present peers, what limitations do or did you experience as a result of your Kenyon BMB education?

Overall, what is the reputation of the Kenyon BMB program amongst your peers?
- Strongly favorable
- Favorable
- Indifferent
- Unfavorable
- Strongly unfavorable
- They don't know anything about Kenyon

Course Work

As part of the review, we would like to assess the course structure of the major. Below is a partial list of courses currently required for BMB majors. Please focus your responses on the content of the courses (i.e. scientific knowledge, lab techniques, data analysis, etc.).

What was your major? *
- Biochemistry
- Molecular biology

Biochemistry

Please note to what degree the course content has been useful to you in your career since Kenyon (rank 1-4, Not at all to Very useful, Not applicable). If you’d like to read the course descriptions, please paste these links into your browser for Biology (http://www.kenyon.edu/x10220.xml) and Chemistry (http://www.kenyon.edu/x10398.xml):

Not at all useful  2  3  Very useful  Not applicable
What BMB related course(s) or types of courses do you wish you would have taken or wish were offered? Please be as specific as possible and note whether it should be a requirement or optional for the major.

Molecular Biology

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**Courses and Skills**

The following is a list of skills that may have been acquired while at Kenyon in the BMB program. Please note to what degree the skill has been useful to you in your career since Kenyon.

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Critical reading

Problem solving

Integration of ideas

What skill(s) do you wish you had learned or acquired while at Kenyon?

Did you do independent research during your time at Kenyon (either at Kenyon or off campus)?

- Yes
- No

Independent research

Where did you participate in independent research?

- At Kenyon
- Off campus
- Both at Kenyon and off campus

For how long and in what capacity did you participate in independent research (e.g. summer science, for credit, etc)?

To what degree has the independent research experience been useful to you in your career since Kenyon?

- Not at all Useful
- 2
- 3
- Very Useful
- Not applicable

Study abroad

Did you study abroad while at Kenyon?
Study abroad experience

Please give us more details about your study abroad experience like the location, program, and field of study.

Study abroad interest

What barriers kept you from studying abroad?

Closing

What were the most beneficial or most memorable aspects of your experience with the BMB program at Kenyon?

If there is anything you would like to elaborate on regarding questions related to this survey or any aspect of your experience in the BMB program at Kenyon, please do so below.
To ensure that you do not receive further reminders about completing this survey, please enter your email address below.*