



Penn State's Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics call for short-term visiting scholars

The Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (CCBB, <http://ccbb.psu.edu>) at Penn State is soliciting applications for support of short-term visiting scholars in 2018.

- The host must be a CCBB faculty.
- The visiting scholar should have or be working towards a Ph.D. or equivalent degree.
- The length of the visit should be 1-5 weeks.
- CCBB will pay the visitor a per diem rate as set by the University -- currently this is \$59/day. This should be enough to cover reasonable accommodation costs for longer stays. Costs that amount to more than the per-diem total are the responsibility of the host and/or visitor.
- We ask the host to pay the costs of travel to and from State College. In the event that extra funds become available, CCBB may defray part of this cost as well.
- The visiting scholar can be hosted at the University Park or Hershey campus
- Preference will be given to hosts that are junior faculty.
- An effort will be made to distribute funding amongst different hosts -- we do not expect to support more than one application from host per year.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with the first decisions being made after Feb 15th, 2018. We expect to have funds for about 3-6 awards in 2018. If you are a scholar interested in visiting, please first identify and contact a potential host at CCBB. Prior collaboration with the host is not required.

Applications should be submitted by the potential host by email to ccbb@psu.edu. They should include:

- Name of host and of visiting scholar
- CV of visiting scholar
- A brief research proposal for the visit (between 100 and 400 words)
- Besides the host, a list of other CCBB faculty the visitor might interact with
- Proposed duration of stay
- Proposed start date, approximately
- Any other relevant information you wish to provide.

If an application is accepted,

- We ask that the visitor make an effort to engage the CCBB community while at PSU. A simple way to do this would be to allocate a day where the visitor gives a research talk at UP and meets with interested faculty members of the Center.
- It is the responsibility of the host to make sure that the visitor qualifies for reimbursement prior to the trip being arranged. For example, there are University guidelines for non-employee reimbursements (<https://guru.psu.edu/tools/NRAPaymentGuidelines.cfm>).
- The host should help co-ordinate finding living accommodations and arranging of office space.
- The visitor and host will be asked to fill in an outcomes survey or otherwise help for reporting purposes.