



Neuroscience PhD Program



At the University of Utah, we're training passionate and well-rounded scientists to become the next generation of leaders.

About the Program

Founded in 1986, the University of Utah's Neuroscience PhD Program is an interdepartmental graduate program designed to provide predoctoral students with a broad-based training in neuroscience disciplines.



- 76 participating faculty from 26 departments, offering a wider choice of mentors than is available in a conventional department



- For students who graduated between 2008-2014, 98 percent are in science-related positions

- Full tuition, living stipend and health benefits; affordable cost of living

"The faculty mentors here at the University of Utah are incredibly supportive and collaborative. And the sense of community within the neuroscience program forges collegial bonds that will go beyond your graduate career here."

Arnulfo Tunon-Ortiz, Neuroscience PhD Candidate



What makes the University of Utah Neuroscience PhD Program unique?

We offer rigorous training in a world-class academic environment, collegial and collaborative mentorship, and a vibrant research community.

Students also have the unique professional opportunity to lead initiatives such as the *Annual Snowbird Neuroscience Symposium* and *Neuroscience Program Speaker Series*.

**Learn more or apply at
neuroscience.med.utah.edu.**

*Completed applications must be received by December 31 for entrance to the fall semester. **Application is free, GRE not required.***



**Have a question?
Talk with our recruitment chair.**

To schedule a virtual meeting, email Jim Heys, assistant professor of neurobiology and anatomy, at jim.heids@neuro.utah.edu.

Message from the Director



Dear Future Colleagues,

This is an incredibly exciting time to launch your career in neuroscience. Recent advances in genetic and molecular approaches, as well as structural and functional imaging and neuroprosthetics have made it possible to address questions of brain function and disease that would have been inconceivable, even a decade ago. To investigate the fundamental aspects of brain function in human and model organisms, the Neuroscience PhD Program at the University of Utah brings together faculty from 26 basic and clinical departments. Our vibrant and successful community provides an intellectually stimulating, collaborative and collegial program to investigate the genetic, molecular, cellular, circuit and pathological correlates of consciousness, awareness and behavior.

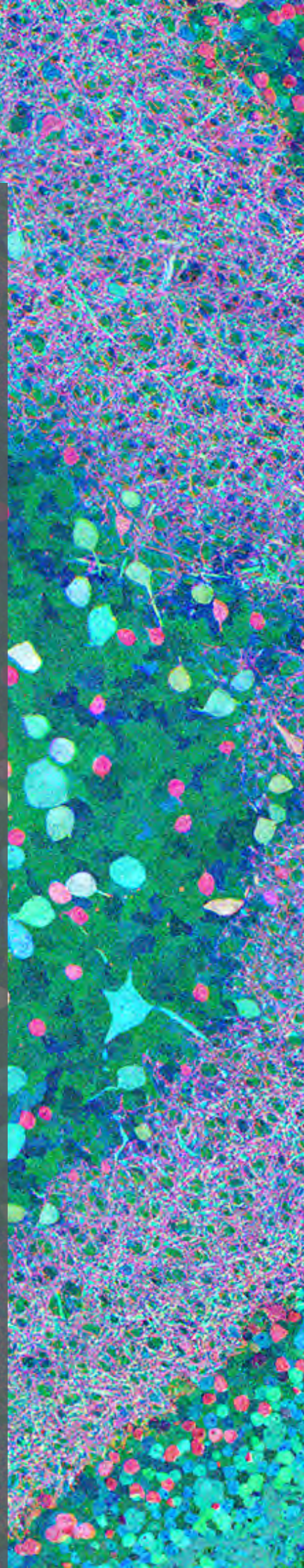
The primary mission of our program is to mentor and train the next generation of world-leading scientists. Our courses are designed to comprehensively cover the foundational—Molecular, Cellular, Systems and Computational—blocks of neuroscience. Together with experimental work, graduate seminars and conferences, our students are engaged in a lively exchange of ideas, technologies, computational tools and perspectives. We have a strong track record of training successful neuroscientists that go on to become world leaders in academia and industry.

Unique across national neuroscience programs, our students are encouraged to take initiative and leadership roles at all levels within our scientific community. Students build social and scientific networks through weekly interactions with faculty, alumni and invited speakers. In this way, students from our program are equipped with the comprehensive scientific and social skills necessary for success inside and outside of the laboratory.

Our program has a steadfast, long-standing commitment to inclusion, kindness and mutual support. We encourage diversity and exchange of ideas, honor the uniqueness, and believe everyone has important contributions to our shared vision for the future.

If you would like more information about our exciting program, please contact program manager Tracy Marble at tracy.marble@hsc.utah.edu. You can also schedule a virtual meeting with our recruitment chair, Jim Heys, assistant professor of neurobiology and anatomy, at jim.heids@neuro.utah.edu.

Warm Regards,
David Krizaj, PhD



Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

The University of Utah Neuroscience PhD Program is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion within our program and our broader community. We value a society that recognizes and supports differences in race, religion, age, ethnicity, disability, socio-economic background, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. We strive to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels that they belong and everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed.

We work to implement our commitment to diversity and inclusion by:

- Fostering conversation and community connection through social events.
- Actively recruiting and graduating a more diverse student body through recruitment of underrepresented groups; keeping the cost barrier low by eliminating the GRE and application fees; and developing supportive mentor-mentee relationships.
- Establishment of the Student Diversity Committee to assess and communicate diversity issues, and support further diversity initiatives.
- Developing student-led outreach events, with a particular focus on K-12 students from underrepresented minority groups.





Why Utah?

Salt Lake City is a wonderfully livable city, combining the amenities of a large metropolitan area with the ease of a small town. Salt Lake's symphony, ballet, theatre and film scenes delight audiences year-round. Sports fans thrill to hockey, baseball, and professional basketball. Outdoor enthusiasts find hiking trails a mere five minutes from downtown. And, no matter which activity you choose, there's a pub, bistro, restaurant, or café ready to complement the event.

