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The CBI program has been awarded 7 NIH trainee slots this year—we have never previously received this level of funding. NIH recognizes what an outstanding program we have!

Congratulations to the new CBI Trainees:
Brittany deRonde – Tew Group
Ketan Mathavan – Martin Group
Carolina Morrel-Perez – Forbes Group
Abla Tannous – Hebert Group
Jiaming Zhuang – Thai Group

A Call for Nominations for the next round of trainees will be issued in November

The new CBI Journal Club will begin this fall. This will be a student-run journal club in which participants select, present, and discuss papers related to seminars in our affiliated departments: Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Molecular & Cellular Biology, and Polymer Science. It will provide a great opportunity to maximize what you learn from the fabulous scientists that visit our campus.

The 2012 Joint Retreat held at Amherst College on June 15 was a tremendous success! There were 9 great talks, over 60 posters and almost 200 participants. Congratulations to the winners of the poster awards: Nat Clark (Garman Group) and Amber Cantin (Chien Group); and thanks to Gitanjeli Prasad (Schnarr Group), Benjamin Johnson (Heuck Group), Katie Maher (Chase Group) and Luis Ramírez-Tapia (Martin Group) for their fabulous talks.

CBI Student Volunteers, thank you for your contributions to the CBI courses and events over the past year! Steve McCarron (Ice Cream Social); Nick Borotto, Mylene Ferrolino and Carolina Morell-Perez (and a bunch of other students who helped with the Joint Retreat); Yady Rivera-Colón (CBI Student Seminar); Brittany deRonde (Chalk Talks); Joanne Lau and Luis Ramírez-Tapia (Molecule Workshop); Fabian Romano Cherñac (CBI Student-Invited Seminar Host)

Congratulations to the students who completed the CBI requirements and defended within the past academic year:
Daniella González-Toro • Thai Group • August 2012
Samantha Nicholls • Hardy Group • August 2012
Kristina Giorda • Hebert Group • August 2012
Elih Velázquez-Delgado • Hardy Group • June 2012
Fabian Romano Cherñac • Heuck Group • May 2012 • Postdoc, Harvard Medical School
Kristen Huber • Hardy Group • January 2012 • Senior Research Scientist at Signum Biosciences
Cassidy Dobson • Garman Group • November 2011 • Adjunct Prof, Chemistry, St. Cloud State Univ.
Michael Larkey • Thai Group • October 2011 • Postdoc, National Energy Tech Lab, DOE
Marty Kolewe • Roberts Group • July 2011 • Postdoc, MIT Division of Health Sciences and Tech