

## **Bioinformatics Graduate Program – Expectations Document**

### ***Expectations of the Bioinformatics Graduate Program***

You can expect us to provide an enriching, robust, and challenging program that integrates classroom learning with hands-on applications to research projects.

You can expect us to offer high-calibre courses of interest within the field of bioinformatics, providing you with an opportunity to learn and apply new skills that are current and relevant.

You can expect us to provide seminars and workshops dedicated to enhancing professional development opportunities with a focus on skill-building for your future careers.

You can expect us to make time to speak with you about your academic training and/or research, and to provide guidance as you move throughout the Graduate Program via formal or informal meetings, group discussions, and email.

You can expect us to treat you in a respectful, professional, and courteous manner to provide an accessible and inclusive environment for learning.

You can expect us to provide dedicated space to foster your learning and promote collaborations with your peers.

You can expect your research project supervisors to provide guidance, assistance, and feedback in a timely manner.

### ***Expectations of an MBINF Graduate Student***

We expect you to fully engage in your coursework, challenge yourself to learn new content, participate in class discussions, follow course outlines and meet deadlines, adhere to the institution's guidelines for academic integrity, and collaborate with your peers.

We expect you to fully commit to your research projects by discussing important components (e.g., objectives, goals, timelines, absences, meeting schedules, participating expectations) with your supervisor within the first week of your research project (i.e., summer term). We also expect you to search for and read the primary literature in your area of study.

We expect you to discuss your graduate program progress (e.g., successes, failures, ideas, concerns) with your Instructors, Research Supervisors, and Graduate Program Coordinator, as applicable and access resources (e.g., writing assistance, graduate teaching assistants) to support your success in the program.

We expect you to attend and engage in welcome events, meetings, seminars, and workshops offered through the Bioinformatics Graduate Program.

We expect you to be leaders within the program (whether in a classroom, lab, or at a company) by assisting peers with questions, contributing to the Bioinformatics program (e.g., participating on Committees), and providing constructive feedback.

We expect you to be professional, collegial, and respectful towards your peers, mentors, supervisors, instructors, and colleagues at all times.

We expect you to take time for yourself, as maintaining your own physical and mental health is very important to your success.