

Scientific Advisory Board



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How did you experience the development of the students during their time in MolTag?

I was an advisor for the MolTag program since its inception. As a Whitney Fellow during my own Postdoctoral tenure, **I know how important it is to interact with external scientists, to get their viewpoint, and to try and use this experience to increase the originality and scope of my own research.** I hope to have provided such guidance for MolTag program members through our interaction over the years, as well.

How important is the interdisciplinary training approach for the further career path?

During my 29 year tenure at Merck, **I mentored over 100 Postdocs, Visiting Scientists, Summer Interns and Fellowship recipients and provided interdisciplinary training;** I am proud of my mentees and their scientific contributions. I brought this same commitment to the MolTag program participants.

Did you keep in touch with former MolTag students?

Several students have contacted me for advice, even after they have completed the MolTag program.

What is the most important advice you want to give to current MolTag students?

Use this period in your research career to not only be productive in your directed research effort, but to **think about Science in broader terms, read the literature and start planning your career path seriously** before completing the MolTag program.

