

Scientific Advisory Board



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

I have mentored many students, at all stages of their careers, during my time at Merck and understand the importance of such an activity. The MolTag program provides **an important opportunity for students to develop their scientific credentials**. We have always enjoyed supporting the MolTag program objectives during our visits to Vienna.

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

Interdisciplinary training is a critical element in an individual's scientific development as it increases the breath of thought processes and reserach interests, and leads to a more productive career.

Did you keep in touch with former MolTag students?

We have corresponded, on occasion, with former MolTag students and have provided advice and guidance, as requested.

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

Our advice to students is to **be dedicated to your program objectives but, at the same time, enjoy your work**. Scientific research is a challenging pursuit but brings great career satisfaction. And many of the colleagues you meet along the way will be friends for life.

