

Scientific Advisory Board



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

The established admission process using a broad expert panel selects already for motivated, excellent young scientists. The MolTag environment, i. e. the mixed faculty and the interaction among the multinational MolTag peers, enables them **insights in other projects, disciplines, problem solvings, and, thus, fast and efficient further development in their scientific competence but also other important skill sets.**

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

It certainly depends on the individual career goal but almost all scientific advances and breakthroughs in life sciences are based on interdisciplinary work. I see it as an extraordinary opportunity and advantage to learn hands-on how other disciplines think and work and what they can contribute. **This prepares for successful collaborations, critical thinking, and looking beyond one's own nose.**

Did you keep in touch with former MolTag students?

Occasionally, but not as much as I would have liked. All students are very welcome to contact me for advice.

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

Try to make a difference and see the advantage of collaborations and alliances. **Grab opportunities, be open for serendipity, don't compromise on quality.** There is a life outside work and make sure that you don't miss it.

Best wishes and good luck!

