



# MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

## Summer Course Application 2009

Admissions Application Form

Deadline: **February 2, 2009** for completed form, all transcripts and evaluations.

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First or Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate preferred salutation:  Mr.  Ms.  Miss  Mrs.  Dr.

Are you a U.S. Citizen or Perm. Resident of the U.S.?  Yes  No If no, Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTITUTION ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### HOME ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Mailing Address:**  Institution  Home

### CURRENT PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Primary Institutional Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Status:  Graduate (specify expected degree : \_\_\_\_\_)  Postdoctoral (degree year : \_\_\_\_\_)

Faculty  Principal Investigator  Facilities Manager  Technician  Librarian  Library Administrator

Hospital Administrator  Practicing Physician  Other (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

How did you learn about this course? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have previously applied to or attended an MBL course, please name the course and year:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Gender :  Male  Female

If you are a member of an under-represented minority in science, please indicate below:

(for U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents only):  African American  Hispanic  Native American

### COURSE INFORMATION

Course applying for:  Biology of Parasitism  Embryology  Microbial Diversity  
 Neurobiology  Physiology  Neural Systems & Behavior  
 Summer Program in Neuroscience, Ethics, and Survival (SPINES)

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## REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- **Enclose a copy of your curriculum vitae.**
- **Please arrange for two individuals who are familiar with your academic and research background and goals to complete an Evaluation Form included in this packet.** Sealed evaluations must be submitted with other application materials to the MBL Admissions Office and received by **February 2, 2009**. Students are advised that the two required evaluations should not come from faculty members of the course to which they are applying. However, recommendations from course faculty members may be submitted as supplemental third evaluations.
- **Transcripts:** Undergraduate and graduate transcripts are required of applicants currently enrolled in graduate school. M.D.s and Ph.D.s need only submit graduate school transcripts. Although official copies are not required, originals should be submitted. If your institution outside the U.S. does not issue transcripts, we will accept copies of diplomas and certificates.
- **Test Scores:** Graduate students should submit score reports from any graduate level test taken (GRE General, GRE Subject, MCAT, etc.). Official score reports are not required. Please note that ETS in Princeton does not release information to the MBL.

We would like to emphasize to applicants that MBL summer courses are extremely rigorous, requiring complete student participation in all aspects of the program for the full duration of the course. Proficiency in the English language is essential for course students. Morning lectures are held six days per week and usually last until lunchtime, often including small group discussions. Intensive hands-on laboratories begin after lunch and typically run late into the night or early morning hours. There are frequent guest lectures in the evenings, and Sundays may be devoted to experiments. There is little time for much else but course work. Please be aware of this as you prepare the statements requested of you below.

- **Statement of Goals:** Please provide a one-page description of your goals for the next three years related to your reasons for wanting to take this course.
- **Summary of Research Experience:** Please provide a chronological synopsis of research experience with list of publications, if any. Please do not submit reprints.
- **Statement of Your Expectations for the Course:** Please discuss what you expect this course experience to be like, and what you personally expect to gain from attending it.

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*Applicant's Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to:** Carol Hamel, Admissions Coordinator, Marine Biological Laboratory, 7 MBL Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1015.



**MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY**  
**Financial Aid Request Form 2009**

This form MUST be included with your Admissions Application in order to be considered for financial assistance. Do NOT submit it separately.

The Marine Biological Laboratory expects the **cost of attending an MBL course to be shared among the student, their home institution, and the MBL** in a three-way commitment. We expect that you will discuss this financial obligation with your home department or institution, and request/secure financial aid to be applied toward these expenses. We also expect our students to realize some of their own expenses by providing personal funds as available. MBL financial assistance is based on **need**, and, in many cases, is equal to a substantial portion of the tuition cost. If you are requesting financial aid from the MBL to attend a course, you must provide the information requested below.

**Applying for financial assistance will NOT affect your opportunity for admission to an MBL course.**

SPINES is a full fellowship program covering all student expenses. Students applying to SPINES SHOULD NOT request MBL financial assistance.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Course Applied For: \_\_\_\_\_

***Estimated Expenses***

- 1. MBL Course Tuition \$ 4,580
- 2. Room & Board at MBL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Estimate approx. \$402 per week)
- 3. Travel Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Other Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Meals on Sundays, personal expenses, etc.  
Estimate an average of about \$50 per week)

**Total Estimated Expenses** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Add lines 1-4)

***Estimated Resources***

- 1. Contribution from home institution \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Personal Resources \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Support from other non-MBL sources \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Estimated Resources** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Add lines 1-3)

**Amount of funds yet to be secured\*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Estimated Resources subtracted from Estimated Expenses)

\* MBL will fund a **portion** of this amount if you are admitted to the course. Typical awards equal about 85% of tuition, based on need.

If applicable, please describe here any financial considerations associated with your participation in an MBL course:

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY Student Evaluation Form 2009

Please return evaluation to applicant by **January 19, 2009**.  
This form MUST be submitted with other application materials.

To Applicant: You must submit two evaluations completed by persons other than faculty members in the course to which you are applying. Please make duplicate copies of these pages for your second evaluator.

### *General Information*

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Waiver*

If the applicant wishes to waive the right to examine this evaluation at a later date, please sign here:

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Evaluation*

Please rank the applicant to the general population of peers. Please be frank. This course will only be of value to students with a serious commitment to science and with the ability to benefit from a very intense learning experience.

	Percentile Ranking					
	Top					Bottom
Maturity	2	5	10	20	50	50-100
Creativity and Imagination	2	5	10	20	50	50-100
Commitment to Research	2	5	10	20	50	50-100
Curiosity	2	5	10	20	50	50-100
Intellectual Ability	2	5	10	20	50	50-100
Initiative	2	5	10	20	50	50-100
Laboratory Skills (including safety procedures)	2	5	10	20	50	50-100
Overall potential for success in scientific research	2	5	10	20	50	50-100

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Course: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments**

Please use this page or additional sheets to comment on the suitability of the course for this applicant. Keep in mind the following information:

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Signature of Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the evaluation form in a sealed envelope to the applicant.**

**The MBL Admissions Office MUST RECEIVE all applicant materials by February 2, 2009.**