

INDIANA UNIVERSITY



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Dear Dr. Queener,

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Please find attached documents describing proposed revision of the Anatomy and Cell Biology Ph.D. degree program curriculum to include a new track with an education focus. As the proposal describes, there are several reasons for this suggested change. First, there is a growing demand at the nation's health professional schools for highly qualified educators in the anatomical sciences. This new track would provide students who desire a career focus in education with extensive training in the anatomical sciences coupled with sufficient teaching experience to be fully prepared to assume major educational responsibilities upon graduation. Students in this track would be trained to conduct rigorous educational research, culminating in a doctoral dissertation that meets the academic standards of the University. Second, as you know, the School of Medicine is changing to an open enrollment scheme for all students interested in biomedical research-based studies. This new track therefore provides a distinct path for students with a specialized requirement for an educational focus.

Please note that this proposal has been reviewed and approved by the graduate directors of the other IU School of Medicine graduate programs. Those programs are:

- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Cellular and Integrative Physiology
- Medical and Molecular Genetics
- Medical Biophysics and Biomolecular Imaging
- Medical Neuroscience
- Microbiology and Immunology,
- Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
- Pharmacology
- Toxicology

Minor changes to the proposal were made in accord with the wishes of these directors.

A letter of support from Dr. Khaula Murtadha, Executive Associate Dean of the IU School of Education in Indianapolis is also included.

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Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "S. J. Rhodes".

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