



## Project Course in Medical Biochemistry and Microbiology Instructions to students

IMBIM offers different courses with the aim to give a practical experience of research in any of the focus areas of the department.

A) Two courses at undergraduate level (cycle I):

*“Research Training in Medical Biochemistry and Microbiology”*, course codes 3BL350 (7.5 credits) and 3BL351 (15 credits), aim to provide basic experience of research. You need to have 60 credits completed within a relevant subject.

B) Two courses at the advanced level (cycle II):

*“Project Work in Medical Biochemistry and Microbiology”*, 3BL352 (15 credits) and 3BL353 (30 credits), will in addition give you knowledge and skills on how to plan, interpret and evaluate scientific experiments. You need to have 120 credits completed within relevant subject.

For further information, please read the course syllabus available through IMBIM’s home page for Education (<https://www.imbim.uu.se/Education/Courses/>)

### Before you apply

According to the syllabus, you should first approach a potential supervisor working in the research field that you desire to learn more about. Admission requires a mutual agreement between you and the supervisor of the objectives and content of the project course (*Project Course Agreement*), which shall also be approved by the assigned examiner. This agreement must contain all relevant information, including an individual study plan, which describes the research project and what you are supposed to achieve.

### Application

You apply to these courses at the regular application times (**Mondays next to October 15 and April 15, for spring and autumn courses, respectively**) or **March 15 for a summer course**. The starting dates are flexible and can be decided together with the supervisor of the project.

### Before you start

After receiving your acceptance notice the course administrator will register you, and you can start. **Note that all formalities (admission, registration etc.) must be completed before you start your project (you are not insured unless registered)!**

### During the course

Your main supervisor is responsible for guiding you with adequate background literature and make sure that you are given sufficient instructions and guidance to perform the assigned task. Often this means that you will get practical supervision by PhD students/postdocs in the research group. Use the possibility to interact and discuss with all members of the group to get as much feedback on ideas and interpretations as possible! While working at the Department, you must also take part in departmental/research group activities, such as seminars, to the same extent as any other member of the research group.

### Examination

For all details how you will be examined and how your report shall look like see separate document *“Examination of project courses”*.