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Dear Dr. Angelini,

I’m the Graduate Coordinator of Integrated Life Sciences (ILS), a flexible gateway for graduate study at the University of Georgia. One of my colleagues (Brendan Hunt) identified you as an outstanding undergraduate researcher mentor whose students would be well matched for PhD study in our program.

ILS is structured to provide a smooth and effective transition from undergraduate to graduate training. The first semester of graduate study strongly emphasizes professional development and exposure to research experiences through meaningful research rotations. We purposely delay lecture-based coursework until students have chosen a thesis lab, which occurs in January of their first year. All our students are further guaranteed 5 years of stipend support.

ILS provides the most diverse gateway to graduate study in the Life Sciences at UGA. Students can choose from over 240 research groups spread across the the degree-granting programs listed below. Research opportunities range from molecular to organismal, from computational to ecological, from developmental to disease-oriented. The breadth of research within our program is quite unusual, and training opportunities have never been better at our institution!

- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Bioinformatics
- Cellular Biology
- Chemistry
- Entomology
- Genetics
- Infectious Diseases
- Marine Sciences
- Microbiology
- Neuroscience
- Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Sciences
- Physiology & Pharmacology
- Plant Biology
- Toxicology

We expect to enroll 60-70 students this year. If your students would like more information about ILS, please refer them to our website or have them contact me directly (phone or email) so that we can send them appropriate materials. With so many research labs and degree-granting programs to choose from, your student is sure to find a great training and learning environment at the University of Georgia. We look forward to applications from your trainees and wish you continued success with your mentoring efforts.

Respectfully,

Walter K. Schmidt, PhD
ILS Graduate Coordinator

P.S. If you do not wish to be on our mailing list, please respond to ilsinfo@uga.edu and include the following in the subject line: please remove me from your Research Mentor contact list.