Advising assignments can be found by contacting the Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics Undergraduate Program Office, 1109 Microbiology (301-405-2766). See department advising information at: cbmg.umd.edu/education/undergraduate/advising (https://cbmg.umd.edu/education/undergraduate/advising/).

For advising in other Biological Sciences Specialization areas, see the Biological Sciences Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/computer-mathematical-natural-sciences/biological-sciences/) listing in this catalog.

Opportunities
Undergraduate Research Experiences

Students may participate in Department hosted research experiences in faculty laboratories or laboratories at off campus locations. Please contact the Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics Undergraduate Office (301-405-2766) for more information or see the site: cbmg.umd.edu/education/undergraduate/research (https://cbmg.umd.edu/education/undergraduate/research/). Areas of research in the CBMG department are described at: cbmg.umd.edu/research-1/research-areas (https://cbmg.umd.edu/research-1/research-areas/) with listing of faculty and their research.

Honors Program

The Departmental Honors Program involves a long term (three semester) independent research project undertaken with a faculty advisor. Students register for BSCI378H (research) and BSCI379H (seminar) each semester. Admission is based upon GPA. Students must arrange the research opportunity prior to application. Please contact the Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics Undergraduate Office for more information or see the site: cbmg.umd.edu/education/undergraduate/undergrad-honors (https://cbmg.umd.edu/education/undergraduate/undergrad-honors/).

Student Societies and Professional Organizations

All students interested in microbiology are encouraged to join the University of Maryland Student Chapter of the American Society for Microbiology. Sigma Alpha Omicron is the honors chapter of this group. The groups meet regularly on campus. Information is available through the Undergraduate Program Office.

Scholarships and Financial Assistance

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) administers all types of federal, state and institutional financial assistance programs and, in cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For information, visit: financialaid.umd.edu (http://financialaid.umd.edu).

Awards and Recognition

The department recognizes graduating seniors with awards funded by generous donors. These are listed at cbmg.umd.edu/about-1/
scholarships-awards (https://cbmg.umd.edu/about-1/scholarships-awards/).