

2021 Graduate Student Oath
Department of Microbiology and Immunology
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“I, [NAME], have entered the serious pursuit of new knowledge as a member of the community of scientists in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. As I embark on my Ph.D. training, I willingly pledge the following:

I will strive to be a leader within the department and to contribute constructively to the culture, wellbeing, and community.

I will foster an environment where everyone feels comfortable being their full selves, inclusive of disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, race, and ethnic background.

I will strive to always be ethical and moral, conducting myself with scientific integrity in my research and professional life.

I will acknowledge and honor the contributions of scientists who have preceded me and strive to be a worthy role model and mentor for those who follow me. I will actively participate in outreach and community-building to engage the next generation of scientists.

I will seek to clearly communicate my work to increase public understanding of science, including scientific principles, and its humanitarian goals.

With this Graduate Student Oath, I declare my commitment to these professional standards and goals.”

Written and unanimously approved by the 2nd year class, 6/30/21.