

Department of Chemistry & Chemical Biology
at HARVARD UNIVERSITY

“ Fundamental research, those explorations into the black holes still left in our bodies, on our planet, and beyond, can surface answers to problems we didn't know we had. In science, it's rare for any product, no matter how miraculous, to be a final product. Science is nothing if not iterative; there is always a way to improve on what we create.

Andrew Bely

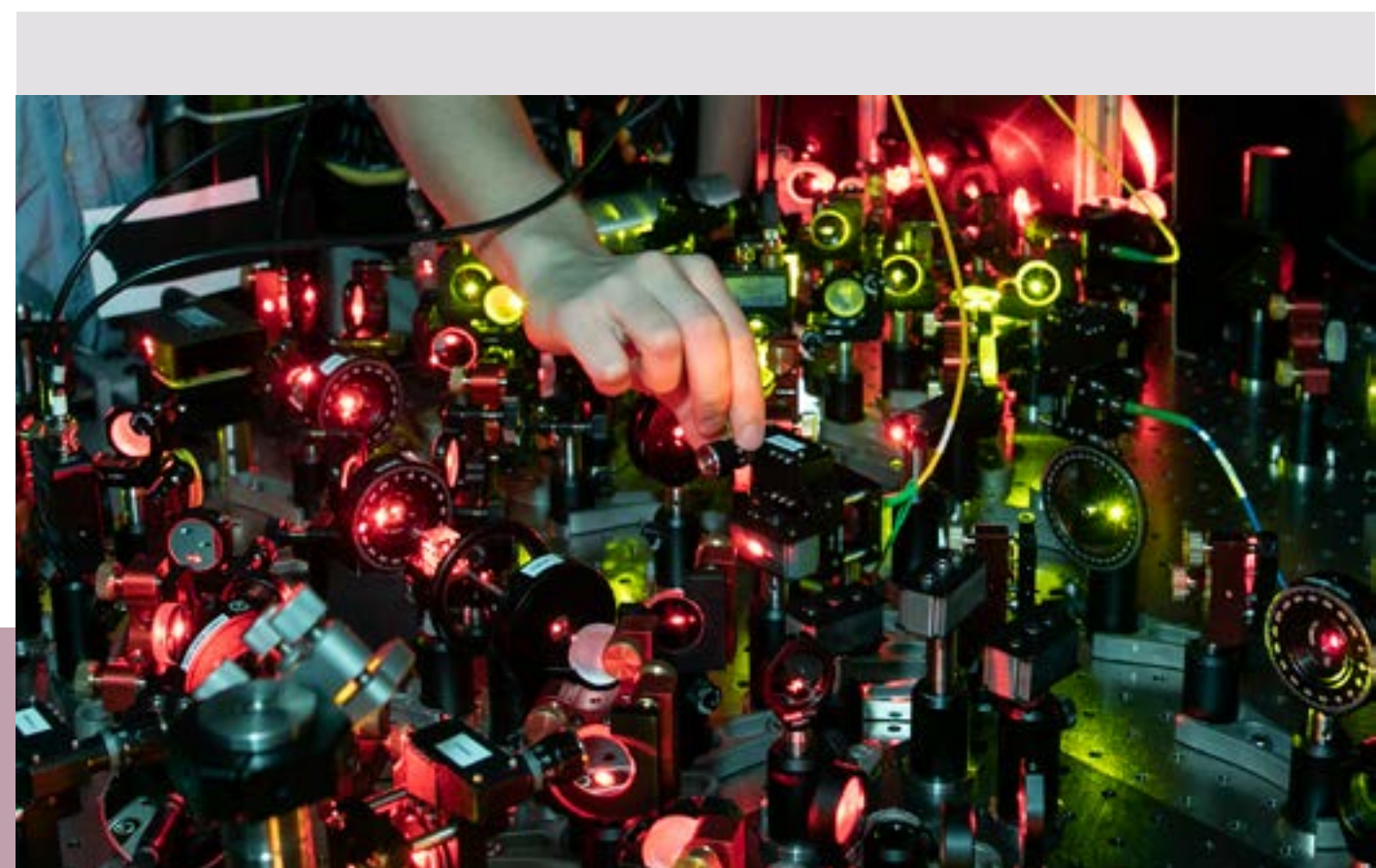
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Department Chair

Why CCB?

Science in the 21st century is rich with opportunity and challenge. Our pillars for success in this complex world are all tied to interactions—between people and between disciplines. By building both strong interpersonal connections between our students and faculty, and effective bridges between disciplines, entering graduate students in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology can thrive at the frontiers of research in the chemical and life sciences.

CCB is committed to enrolling students from groups underrepresented in graduate study. Harvard's policy is to make decisions concerning applicants on the basis of what each individual can contribute to the University's educational objectives and institutional needs. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, national origin, political beliefs, veteran status, or disability unrelated to job or course of study requirements.

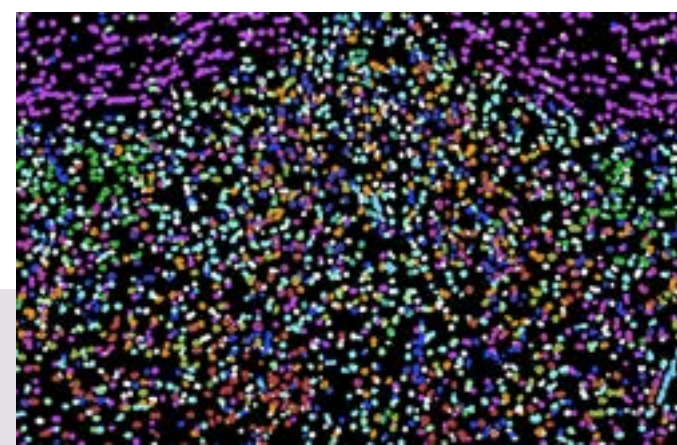
Immigration status does not factor into decisions about admissions and financial aid.



Our graduate programs prioritize research and exploration. With many opportunities to interact with departments, research centers, and institutions across the Boston area, our students benefit from an interdisciplinary environment that encourages curiosity and innovation. Students can choose from one of our following two graduate degree programs:

- **Chemistry & Chemical Biology**
- **Chemical Physics**

Both programs take 5 to 6 years to complete. Browse the following pages to learn more about requirements, research areas, and more.



The application deadline is **December 1st**. The department announces admissions decisions in February and invites accepted students to an official visit during March.

Apply!

Requirements

Chemistry & Chemical Biology

- four advanced courses in chemistry and/or related fields

Chemical Physics

- five advanced courses in chemistry and/or related fields

Learn more on the [CCB website](#)

Required Tests

***NOTE:** The GRE test requirement is waived for the 2020 to 2021 admissions cycle because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

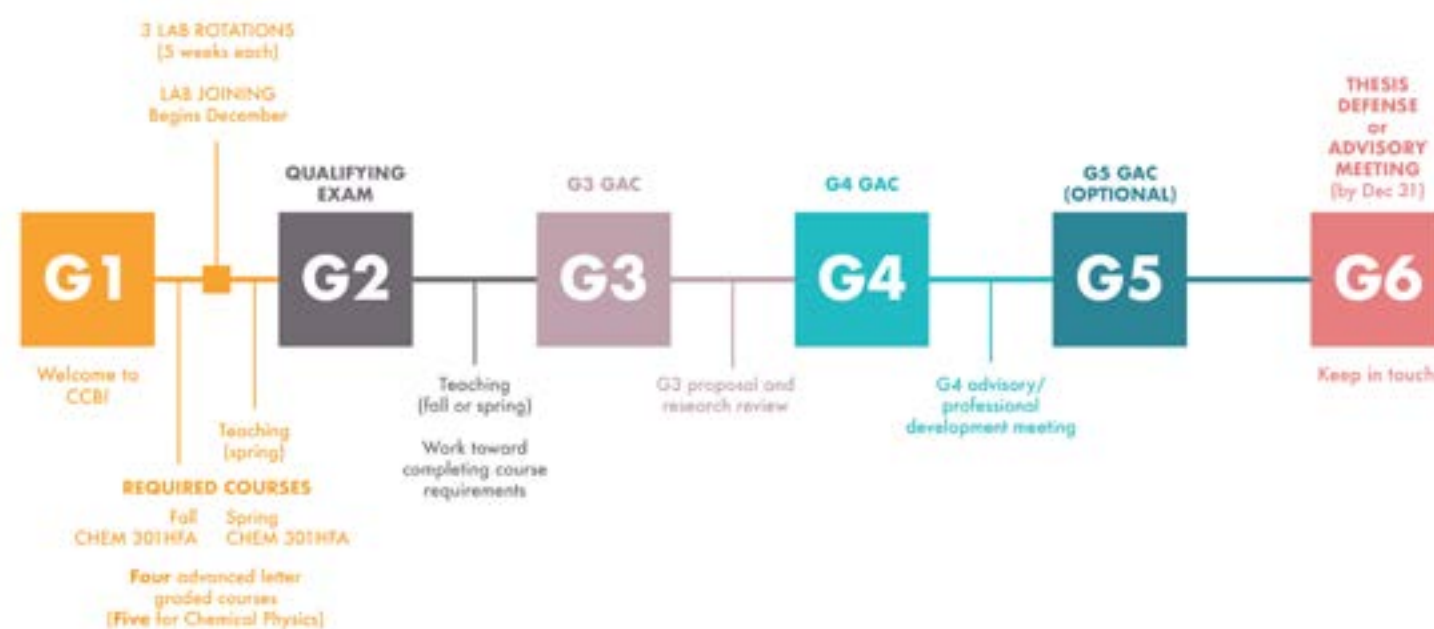
Tuition & Fees

CCB covers the cost of tuition for all PhD students and provides a stipend of \$39,000 to all students in good standing.

Application Materials

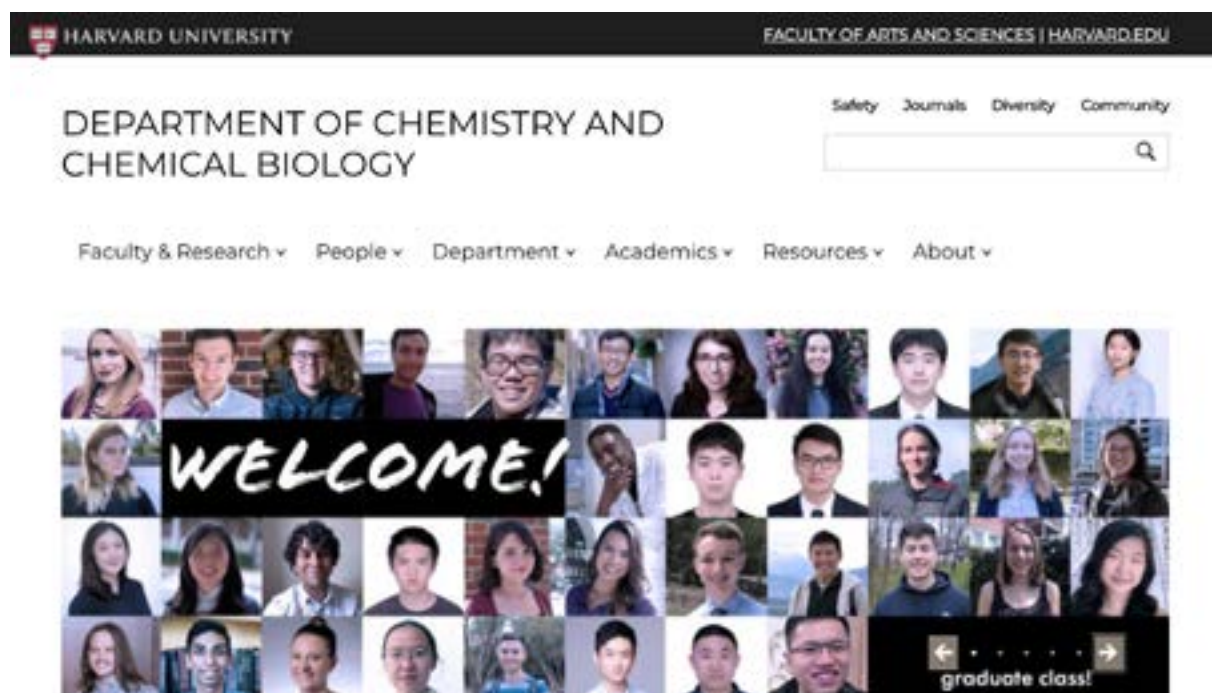
- [Online application form](#)
- Application fee payment* (\$105)
- Transcripts uploaded to the application
- Letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose
- Demonstration of English proficiency, where required
- Curriculum Vitae
- GSAS may request additional academic documents, as needed.

* GSAS is committed to ensuring that our application fee does not create a financial obstacle for prospective applicants. Application fee waivers are available to those for whom payment of the application fee would be financially challenging.



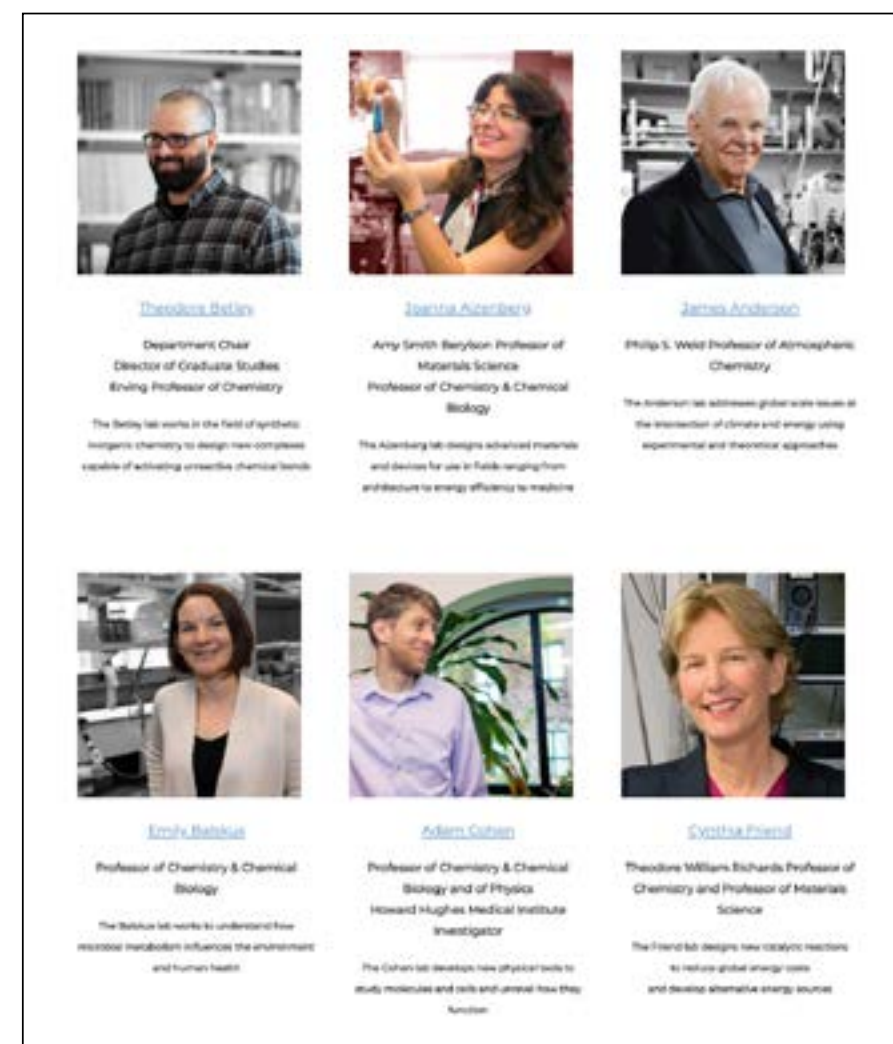
A Diverse Scholarly Community

Different points of view are critical to life sciences research, where advancing knowledge often requires bringing a new perspective or approach to a problem. At the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (GSAS), we strive to create an inclusive community where all students can thrive and grow academically and personally. The School is proud of its diverse community representing many races, ethnicities, belief systems, nationalities, physical abilities, genders, and sexual orientations and welcomes applications from all groups underrepresented in graduate education, particularly Black and African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and native Pacific islanders.

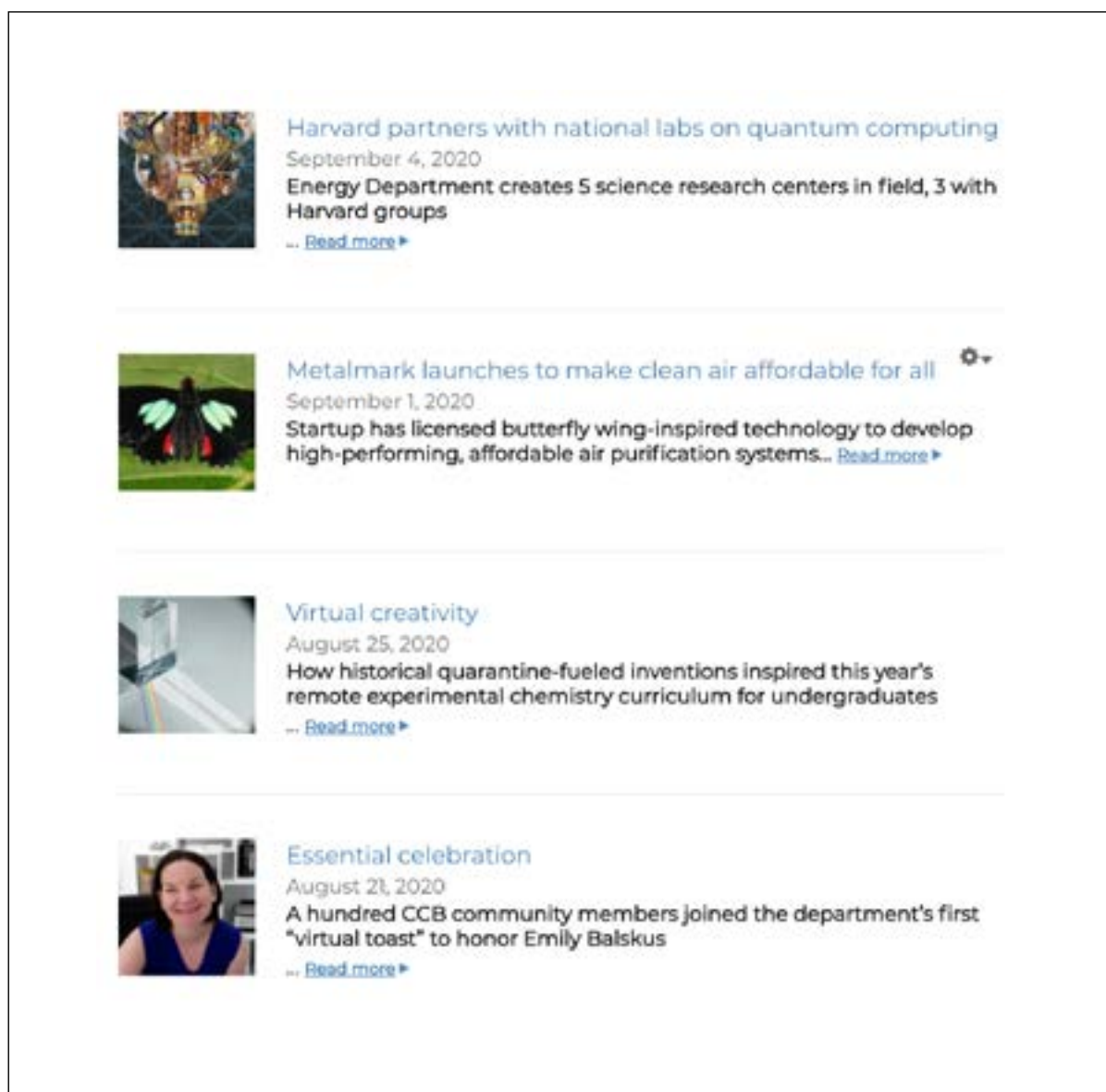


Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our current faculty, students, and researchers, how to apply, and who can help guide you through the application process (and your PhD)!

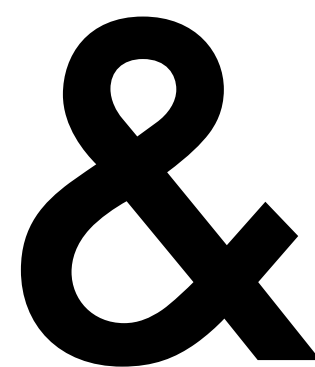
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