

received this designation which provides our students with access to paid internships. In the future, we are looking to continue building our pipeline with partnership from local high schools, which has not been a focus in the past. We will also examine our upper division program to identify opportunities for work-based learning and curricular improvements based on industry trends.

**Strategic Goals:**

Over the next three years, we plan to:

1. Enhance program offerings by incorporating curriculum relevant to the emerging sector of gene- and cell-based therapies.
2. Explore new opportunities to build additional work-based learning activities into the bachelor's program.
3. Examine the upper division curriculum to identify gaps in content and explore the possibility to build pathways for students to specialize in particular topics.

**Start:**

7/1/2021

**End:**

6/30/2022

**New Program/Unit Rating Item**

**Program/Unit:**

Biotechnology

**Program Rating By Chair:**

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**Program Rating By Dean:**

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**OPTIONAL: Comments on Program Rating:**

The biotechnology department has demonstrated great collaboration, creativity, and innovation in their efforts to launch and build upon the bachelor's program. They continue to reevaluate all aspects of the departmental programs to ensure that students are well prepared for the regional workforce. The department models so many valued characteristics, including engagement, inclusivity, innovation, equity-mindedness, and student-centeredness.