

Dear [Prospective Student],

My name is Dr. William Andrefsky, Dean of the Graduate School at Washington State University. I would like to respond to your interest in our Molecular Plant Sciences interdisciplinary degree here at WSU, and also tell you a little about the university and surrounding area.

The Program

Washington State University is among the nation's top research universities with more than \$335 million in research and development funding. The Molecular Plant Sciences degree incorporates plant physiology, biochemistry, and molecular biology, and is considered one of the top programs of its kind in the world. Among the program's faculty are three National Academy of Sciences members as well as some of the most influential plant science researchers in the world. As a graduate student at Washington State University, you would partner with faculty to conduct research and explore ways to solve critical problems. And, as we have shared with you earlier, all students receive financial support and many graduate with no student debt.

The Town

The town of Pullman combines big city opportunities with the comfort and safety of a small town. Students enjoy cultural events at local theatres and event centers, and stay fit in our award-winning Student Recreation Center. Outdoor activities in the area are premier, offering a wide range of options including hiking, biking, camping, fishing, skiing, and whitewater rafting—and our course PAC-12 sports. Within a short distance of campus are mountain ranges, rivers, blue-ribbon fishing streams, hiking trails, and miles of bike paths. If you enjoy the outdoors, you will love this unique area known as the Palouse.

The Students

WSU Pullman prides itself in cultural diversity. The Pullman campus student population represents 95 countries, and our multicultural students make up 26% of our student population. As a residential campus, WSU Pullman fosters the close-knit community our students enjoy, and supports all the diverse cultures our students represent. Students are often surprised to find how much they enjoy the safe and supportive community, which also includes our active, supportive alumni we fondly call the Cougar Nation.

We hope you decide to explore the [Molecular Plant Sciences](#) degree program at WSU. If you need more information, or would like to [apply](#) to the program, please contact us. We welcome your questions and would be pleased to assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Andrefsky, Jr., Dean

Graduate School