Slot Allocation Process

Total Allocable Slots for the GDBBS
The total number of GDBBS student slots available (T) for the upcoming year is set in February after that year’s budget is set. To calculate the total allocable slots (A):

- T is reduced by 2 for Director's discretionary allocation and by one half for each M.D./Ph.D. trainee who is in their M2 year and will become G1 students in the upcoming fall semester.

- The total is further reduced by the number of training grant and fellowship slots to be rebated. Each program will be rebated one slot for each of their first or second year students supported to the maximal allowable level (tuition and stipend) in the current year. If less than 75% of tuition is paid the program will be rebated one half slot. If a third year student who has not reached tuition paid status is being supported in the current year by a training grant or fellowship, and full allowable tuition was recovered, a half slot is rebated.

- Note that if a Program over-subscribes its slot allocation in any one year, it loses an equivalent number of slots from the next year’s allocation. If a Program under-subscribes its slot allocation in any one year it can carry up to two of the under-subscribed slots over to the subsequent year, with the remainder to be made available in future years. Thus, the number of undersubscriptions must be added, or oversubscriptions subtracted, in calculating the number of allocable slots (A).

In summary the total allocable slots (A) is given by:

\[ A = T - \text{Directors discretionary} - \frac{1}{2} \text{MD/PhDs entering} - \text{training grant/fellowship rebates} \pm \text{under/oversubscriptions} \]

Distribution of Slots to the Programs
The allocable slots are then distributed in proportion to the Program’s share of the total pool of slot eligible applicants. To assure that Programs emphasize recruitment of training grant eligible students, domestic applicants are weighted more heavily than international applicants.

Each program will receive a percentage of the allocable slots according to the following ratios:

Domestic slots = 0.75 * A * [sum of slot eligible domestic applications to Program]/[sum of GDBBS qualified domestic applicants]. See the Screening Method for details.

International slots = 0.25 * A * [sum of slot eligible international applicants to program]/[sum of GDBBS qualified international applicants]. See the Screening Method for details.
The number of training grant and fellowship rebates is then added and underscriptions from previous years are added (or subtracted in the case of oversubscriptions). This total (after rounding) will be the number of slots the Program is authorized to fill (S) in the upcoming year.

In other words:

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S = \text{domestic slots} + \text{international slots} + \text{training grant/fellowship rebates} +/- \text{under/oversubscriptions}
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The criteria for allocation of Director's discretionary slots may vary from year to year. These positions are usually reserved for truly exceptional applicants or to accomplish specific goals outside the allocation procedure.

**Slot Recovery**

- If a student withdraws or is dismissed before the beginning of the second year the Program receives a half slot rebate. It is the responsibility of the Program Director to request the half slot rebate and provide the name of the student who left. In the case where a student goes on medical leave during their first year the slot must be held until the student officially withdraws, after which the Program Director can then request a half slot rebate. No rebate will be given once a student has started their second year.
- If a student changes Programs in the first year then the new Program will assume the cost of the slot.

**Admission of Students Not Receiving a GDBBS Stipend**

Occasionally students will matriculate with their own source of stipend and/or tuition support. This might be in the form of an external fellowship or arrangement with a faculty member to pay the first two years of stipend. Once these students arrive however, they become part of the GDBBS and deserve the same financial and intellectual commitment as students admitted under the normal mechanism. **Thus, every student who matriculates will occupy an allocable slot.** Programs that are confident of the source of support can admit the student as an oversubscription this year and have that oversubscription rebated in the following years if the funding is actually received. The following guidelines apply:

- For students admitted in Full Standing, stipends paid by outside sources in the first two years will result in a rebate of a half slot in the admission cycle following each year the support was provided. If at least 75% of the tuition is also paid by an outside source a full slot will be rebated in the admission cycle following each year the support was provided. Note that if these funds come from a fellowship or training grant, rebates will be calculated and awarded to the Program as described in the GDBBS Slot Allocation Procedure described above. If these funds come from an investigator, the investigator can choose to credit this support to the Program or to receive credit in their individual Stipend Reserve Fund account (see below).
• Students admitted in Advanced Standing (including M.D./Ph.D. students) will occupy a half slot and only be eligible for one year of GDBBS support. This recognizes that they have already completed a significant portion of their training and should be making progress in the laboratory sooner than students admitted in Full Standing. If they do not affiliate with a laboratory and start to be paid by their mentor by the beginning of the second year, the GDBBS will furnish the second year of support and a half slot will be subtracted from the Program’s allocation in the next admissions cycle.

• If the source of a non-GDBBS stipend is a faculty member’s funds, special precautions need to be enacted that assure the student is not pressured or coerced to choose that faculty member as a mentor. Of course such an arrangement would only be entered into if there were a strong likelihood that the student will affiliate with the funding faculty member, but the faculty member must realize that there is a finite chance that the student will change their mind. Prior to admission under such an arrangement the faculty member must submit a letter to the Director of the GDBBS (with copies to the student and the Program) stating that the student is free to choose rotations and a mentor in the same way as all other students.