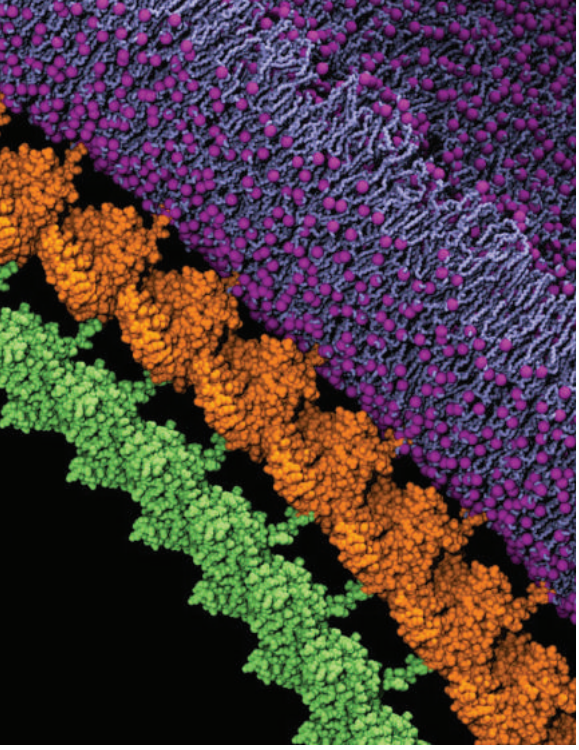

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The CREST Center for Cellular and Biomolecular Machines (CCBM) at the University of California, Merced uses an interdisciplinary approach combining physical, biological and engineering methods to understand and control the functioning of multi-scale assemblies of biomolecules and cells and to design and develop novel bio-inspired functioning machines ranging from designer cells and tissue to diagnostic and therapeutic devices.

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWS OF THE CENTER WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF :

- an interdisciplinary graduate training emphasis in Interdisciplinary Biophysical Sciences, Biomaterials and Biotechnology (IB3)
- training modules in cell culture and cytometry, imaging and spectroscopy, and computation and modeling
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- entrepreneurship and K-12 school outreach opportunities
- generous academic year and summer stipends, travel fellowships and more

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THRUST 1: PROTEIN METAMORPHOSIS AND RESPONSIVE NANODEVICES

Research focuses on the emerging theme of protein metamorphosis as mechanism to enable natural and synthetic controllable biological nanodevices, organized in two broad areas: the functional roles of gradually morphing proteins; and engineering of control systems of the assembly-disassembly of biological macromolecular assemblies.

THRUST 2: ADAPTIVE AND RESPONSIVE MESOSCALE ASSEMBLIES

The focus is to understand the mechanisms that enable assemblies to function collectively in adaptive and responsive ways as well as exploiting them for applications.

THRUST 3: ADAPTIVE CELLULAR COMMUNICATION

Research examines the impact of cell-cell and cell-matrix mechanical interactions on collective cell motility, patterning and the emergence of function, combining experimental and modeling approaches.

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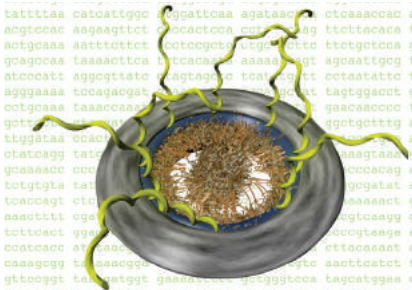

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