

What it takes to succeed? GRIT

What it takes to succeed in graduate school depends in large part on how you define success. At C3B® we have no doubt regarding our definition of your success – you achieving your full potential as a rewarded, creative, contributing member of a team that draws upon your technical expertise and scientific training.

Why C3B®? Because at C3B we embrace the qualities of GRIT. GRIT is Guts, Resilience, Initiative and Tenacity.

GUTS: Achieving your ambitions takes guts. You must be a problem solver whose approach to obstacles is fearless and bold. Attending graduate school to pursue an advanced degree is a non-trivial undertaking. Often you must leave your family and friends, travel far, often from another country, work long and tedious hours, engage in deep learning and engage in the acquisition of a high level of skill preparation! Respecting your display of courage, our goal is to inspire and motivate.

RESILIENCE: Resilience may be defined as “always being prepared for ‘luck’”. Luck is presented to everyone, everyday; not many are ready to embrace “luck” through industrious preparation and hard work. It is no false idiom born from the multiple attributed quotation “The harder I work the more luck I seem to have”. We know and understand that your success is up to you and your hard work. However, we also know that your environment of peers, teamwork, cooperation and collaboration are integral to that success. Through interactions with your environment, we hope to nurture you to your full potential. This means you and your environment; both must be flexible and adaptable. We value what every member brings to our team and we support you with our willingness to accommodate you the way you are. This establishes our resilience.

INITIATIVE: At C3B® you will be accorded leadership roles within our group. You will become involved in biological, chemical and instrument safety management, group meeting organization and planning, national and international conference organization and planning, promotional materials preparation, lead authorship of impactful papers, and of course, organizing and selecting the restaurant for our monthly dinners together. Most importantly, we value your initiative. Your time with us is intended to prepare you for your career of life-long learning and doing. We foster diversity and personal development to help you reach your full potential.

TENACITY: The work we do doesn’t always have an easy solution. It takes drive, determination and the ability to connect people and ideas to achieve remarkable results. While challenging, the opportunities to collaborate and think outside the box are endless.

So if you believe you have GRIT or have a desire to release the GRIT in you, join us.