

From Lab to Spreadsheet: University of Pennsylvania's New Vagelos Program in Management and Life Sciences Provides Gateway for Undergraduates to Integrate Science and Business

Vagelos Program Teams Penn's Wharton School and School of Arts and Sciences to Meet Need for Business Skills in Industry, Government, Non-profit Scientific Sectors

PHILADELPHIA, PA, September xx, 2005-The University of Pennsylvania announced that Emeritus trustee P. Roy Vagelos, C'50, Hon'99, and his wife Diana, have made a \$3 million gift to the University of Pennsylvania to endow an innovative undergraduate program in life sciences and management to be launched by the School of Arts and Sciences and the Wharton School. The program strives to prepare students for what Dr. Vagelos describes as "careers that are grounded in a real knowledge of the life sciences."

The Roy and Diana Vagelos Program in Life Sciences and Management will combine the liberal arts education offered by the School of Arts and Sciences and the business education provided by the Wharton School to give students the scientific and entrepreneurial background necessary for future success in careers in the rapidly growing life sciences sector. The interdisciplinary program is led by faculty co-directors from both schools, Biology Professor Philip Rea and Wharton Professor Mark Pauly.

>>>>>POSSIBLE QUOTE >>>>>"Ours is currently the only program of this type that allows extensive coursework integrating undergraduate management and science curricula," said Prof. Pauly. "What makes it so rigorous is that students participate in research and program-specific coursework in addition to gaining hands-on experience from summer internships. I have spent years collaborating with scientists and corporate leaders so I am pleased to help bring to life a program that is so vitally needed."

Some of the program highlights include:

- The program admits just 25 exceptional undergraduate students per year beginning Fall, 2006;
- Students participate in directed research and program-specific coursework, including a core freshman seminar entitled Introduction to Bioscience and Management and a Capstone Experience specially designed for program participants;
- Paid summer internships after the sophomore and junior years provide practical experience in managerial and lab settings;
- While working toward a degree in either School, students access top ranked departments in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Wharton School dealing with entrepreneurship, finance, healthcare, fundamental and applied life sciences, the pharmaceuticals industry, economics, technology and society, as well as many of the resources of Penn's outstanding medical school.
- Program participants and graduates are provided mentors dedicated to their personal and academic growth.

For decades the University of Pennsylvania has offered an array of joint, dual degree and interdisciplinary programs. Penn's 25 research centers and institutes bring together researchers from multiple departments, schools, and disciplines. The scale

and interdisciplinary character of our research activities help define Penn as among the most respected universities in the world. Cross-campus joint or dual degree programs available include those between the School of Arts and Science and Wharton (Huntsman Program in International Studies & Business, Joseph H. Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies); the School of Nursing and Wharton; Wharton and Penn's Medical School (Dual MBA/MD degree); and Penn's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and Wharton (Jerome Fisher Program in Management & Technology). These programs are some of the most prestigious and competitive at the University.

About the Wharton School and the University of Pennsylvania

The [Wharton School](#) of the University of Pennsylvania is recognized around the world for its academic strengths across every major discipline and at every level of business education. Founded in 1881 as the first collegiate business school in the nation, Wharton has approximately 4,600 [undergraduate](#), [MBA](#), [Executive MBA](#), and [doctoral](#) students, more than 8,000 participants in its [executive education](#) programs annually, and an alumni network of more than 80,000 worldwide.

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