DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

The Department of Biomedical Sciences is a major locus for basic science and translational research at the College of Dentistry. Departmental faculty interests range widely within a central research focus of craniofacial biology. These research interests include:

1. tissue engineering and regeneration;
2. the genetics of tooth development;
3. the developmental biology of craniofacial tissues;
4. the mechanics of bone;
5. the analysis of craniofacial growth in mutant and transgenic animal models; and
6. neurophysiological and endocrine mechanisms of orofacial pain.

In addition to many well-outfitted individual laboratories, the Department provides access to analytical tools such as confocal microscopy, laser capture microscopy, real-time PCR, and microCT.

Departmental faculty provide all basic science instruction to dental and dental hygiene students, to graduate students in clinical specialty certificate programs, and to graduate students pursuing an MS or PhD in Oral Biology (both basic science track and clinical track).

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