Welcome to **Fundamentals of Biomedical Sciences A: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (Course GSND N500A)**.

"Funds A" will take place from Aug. 28 through Dec. 11 from 4 to 5:30 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. It will be held live in MSB B552 and broadcast via Zoom (invitation posted on Canvas). A draft course syllabus is included with this letter. Note it is subject to change until the course begins. The syllabus contains the lecture and exam schedule as well as the grading and Make-Up policy and pertinent School of Graduate School policies. The most up-to-date version will be posted on the Funds A Canvas website.

The syllabus also describes various hardware and software needs. Please review these carefully. Register for the Point Solutions Automatic Response system before Aug. 28 because it will be used in the first class. *Very important: only use your @gsbs.rutgers.edu email for all software registration.* Scarletmail and other emails will *not* work. Similarly, use this account to communicate with Dr. Rogers and teaching assistants because other emails sometimes go to SPAM.

ExamSoft will be used for the first quiz on Sept. 4. Please practice ExamSoft during Orientation. Download the quiz well before Sept. 4 and understand how to use ExamSoft. Time will not be extended for preventable technical issues. The quizzes will be open book. However, quiz success requires studying as if they are closed book.

Most importantly, the syllabus includes time-proven "**Effective Study Habits**" used by many students who excel in the Fundamentals A course. Reviewing these strategies for mastering the required Biochemistry and Molecular Biology is strongly recommended. Seeking aid from the teaching assistants and Dr. Rogers during office hours also will help.

Very important: d*on't fear asking questions!*

Finally, if you have questions regarding this course, please email Dr. Rogers directly at *rogersmb@njms.rutgers.edu* or any of the teaching assistants.

We look forward to working with you this semester!

My name is Thiago. Dr. R will reveal my genetic heritage