

Rotation Selection Procedures 2021-2022

1. Observe faculty presentations after orientation.
2. Talk to GDBBS faculty members in whom you are interested. Ask questions.
 - a. Are they taking a rotation student?
 - b. Would they be able to support you as your dissertation lab?
 - c. Do they have adequate space and resources to carry out experiments?
 - d. Discuss potential projects with them.
 - e. Talk to students and postdocs in the lab.
 - f. Read publications from the lab.
3. Once you decide on a rotation lab, email your choice to DGS Andy Jenkins for approval, before completing paperwork. The first rotation must be with an MSP faculty member. Thereafter, if the proposed advisor is not an MSP member, meet with Andy in person to discuss.
4. Submit your first Rotation Advisor Selection agreement **by Tuesday, September 7, 2021**. If you must wait for a signature, go ahead and email the name of the advisor. Approval will be finalized, and you will be notified by email.
5. Halfway through the rotation begin thinking about and lining up the next one.

Rotation Schedule 2021-2022

<u>Rotation</u>	<u>Choices Due</u>	<u>Starts</u>	<u>Ends</u>	<u>Report Due</u>	<u>Length</u>
1	Tues. Sept 7	Mon. Sept 13	Wed. Nov 24	Wed. Dec 1	10 weeks
2	Mon. Nov 15	Mon. Nov 29	Wed. Feb 9	Wed. Feb 16	10 weeks
3	Mon. Feb 7	Mon. Feb 14	Wed. Apr 27	Wed. May 4	10 weeks

Students in their first rotation in Fall Term who find themselves struggling academically, may be advised to discontinue the rotation and concentrate on coursework. Because training a rotation student demands significant commitment of time and resources by faculty and their personnel, this option should only be exercised when the student's academic progress is in jeopardy, and it must be approved by the DGS and the rotation advisor. If this option is taken, the student may be allowed to complete a rotation in the same lab in a later rotation period, but only if the advisor agrees. Mentors are not obligated to reserve space for a student who dropped an earlier rotation.

Grading

Register for MSP 597r – Laboratory Rotations; it is normally a two-semester class. For the first semester, you will receive a grade of "IP" (In Progress). After the third rotation advisor submits a written evaluation, you will receive a grade S/U for both semesters.

Advisor Selection

During the course of your rotations, you should be exploring the possibility of doing your dissertation research in one of your rotation labs. By the end of the last rotation, you should have a very good idea of where you want to continue your research. Discuss possibilities with your rotation advisors. You will be asked for your selection in May. Your advisor of choice must consent to taking you; however, the final decision is up to the Executive Committee of the MSP Program and the GDBBS Director.

Rotation Report

Students are required to submit a written report to the rotation advisor and to the DGS at the end of each of the three rotations. The report will be evaluated by the rotation advisor and will contribute to the overall rotation grade. Additional (after three) rotations do not require a report (although the advisor may want you to write one), and they will not be included in the Rotations grade. Evaluations will be requested from all rotation advisors.