

Rotation Schedule and Policy 2020-2021

Molecules, Cells and Organisms PhD Program

SCHEDULE

Students may begin lab rotations in mid-January. Rotations should be a minimum of 5 weeks, and dates will be flexible. Sample schedule:

Rotation 1: Monday, January 11 – Friday, February 12

Rotation 2: Monday, February 22 – Friday, March 26

Rotation 3: Monday, April 5 – Friday, May 7

OPPORTUNITIES

1. Set up a meeting with your neutral advisor to discuss potential rotations.
2. Explore lab opportunities by attending lab meetings
3. Faculty research talks
4. MCB retreat.
5. Arrange individual meetings with prospective faculty mentors.

OBJECTIVES

1. To determine the best fit between lab and doctoral research.
2. To expose students to a variety of research concepts, techniques, and model systems so that they can choose a thesis lab.
3. To introduce students to different kinds of science and a broader community of scientists in order to provide students with collegial relationships and networking opportunities within their program.

POLICIES

1. Submit a rotation selection form by the due date prior to the start of any rotation period. All lab rotations outside of MCO will require approval by the Director of Graduate Studies.
2. Complete a lab rotation report within 1 week following each rotation.
3. All students must fulfill a minimum of three 5-week rotations MCO training program faculty.
4. In fairness to all, no faculty member should make a commitment to a student prior to the end of a student's third rotation.
5. Any lab rotation must be with a faculty member with a Harvard University appointment. Broad Institute members whose appointments are from MIT or elsewhere are not permitted.