

Rotation Schedule and Guidelines 2022-2023

Molecules, Cells and Organisms PhD Program

Rotation Period	Dates	Notes
Period 1	September 19 – October 31	Selection Form Due: September 16 Rotation Report Due: November 4
Period 2	November 7 – December 16	Selection Form Due: November 4 Rotation Report Due: December 23
Period 3	January 9 – February 17	Selection Form Due: January 6 Rotation Report Due: February 24
Period 4 (if needed)	February 27 –	Please discuss extra rotations with MCO Leadership in advance

Lab Joining Begins March 1

OBJECTIVES

1. To sample prospective mentor-mentee relationships for student training and preparation for a science career. These prospective mentors include possible thesis advisor, DAC members, and collaborators.
2. To expose students to a variety of research concepts, techniques, and model systems.
3. To introduce students to different kinds of science and to meet our community of scientists to provide students with collegial relationships and networking opportunities within the MCO program.

POLICIES

1. All students must complete at least three 4-6 week lab rotations guided by the dates listed above. Rotations can begin late and end early or late to accommodate lab mentors availability.
2. Students are required to submit a rotation selection form at least **one week prior** to the start of any rotation period. All non-MCO rotations **must** be approved in advance.
3. Both students and faculty will complete respective lab rotation reports within 1 week following each rotation.
4. In fairness to all, no faculty member should make a commitment to a student prior to **March 1, 2023**.
5. Any lab rotation must be with a faculty member affiliated with a HILS PhD program. Broad Institute members whose appointments are from MIT or elsewhere are not permitted.

OPPORTUNITIES

1. MCB retreat (Sept. 16-18, 2022)
2. Model Systems Jamboree (Aug 29th and 30th)
3. Meet with your neutral advisor (early fall)
4. Explore lab opportunities by attending lab information talks and open houses during the fall.
5. Arrange personal meetings with prospective faculty mentors.
6. Friday MCB seminars and TGIFs.