

Laboratory Rotation Agreement

Laboratory rotations are an important component of graduate training. They provide students the opportunity to experience different research projects and laboratories, thereby helping them to make a well-informed thesis laboratory selection. They also allow the faculty to assess the interests and aptitude of the student. To ensure that the rotations are valuable, it is important that the student and faculty meet at the beginning of the rotation to discuss expectations, goals, requirements and laboratory guidelines. To this end, this form must be completed by the student and rotation faculty member and submitted at the beginning of the rotation.

Student: _____ Year in Program _____
Program: _____ Date started PhD in SGS _____
Rotation Dates: From _____ To _____
Rotation Faculty Member: _____

Describe the training goals for the rotation. (Questions to consider: What techniques will be learned? How will the student be exposed to the research in the lab (outside of their specific project) and the field in general? How will the rotation advance the student's technical and conceptual understanding in the field of study?)

Describe the rotation project steps/tasks to be performed by the student, as well as any expected non-project laboratory obligations (e.g., lab meeting, journal club, laboratory upkeep, etc.). Note that the student should actually work on a research project, not just shadow others in the lab.:

Who will directly supervise the student? (must be the PI, a staff scientist, or a postdoc; NOT another graduate student):

Hours per week that the student is expected to be in the laboratory:

Were laboratory guidelines/policies (e.g. biohazards, lab notebook) explained to the student? Yes No

Was the likelihood or possibility of the lab having sufficient funding to take on a new student(s) for their thesis research discussed with the student? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Rotation Preceptor Signature _____ **Date** _____

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