G-1 LAB ROTATION PROGRAM 2021

The goal of CCB’s G-1 Lab Rotation Program is to expose graduate students fully to a variety of areas in chemistry and to aid students in finding the ideal lab setting in which to do their research. We have found that this program greatly benefits first-year students by allowing them to become familiar with both the science and the environment of various laboratories in the department.

CCB G-1 Lab Rotation Program details:

Entering graduate students (G1s) are required to participate in three 4 week rotations or one 8 week and one 4 week rotation. Students are encouraged to conduct additional rotations if necessary. **Students may join a research group beginning on December 10, 2021, but not before this date.** The goal of the rotations is to broaden a student’s scientific perspective by exposing him or her to the science and environment of different laboratories in the department. The first and second rotations should be conducted within the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology. With the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies, G1’s are able to rotate in a lab group outside of the department for the third rotation.

**SCHEDULE:**
- First Lab Rotation: September 7 – October 4
- Second Lab Rotation: October 5 – November 2
- Third Lab Rotation: November 3 – December 9

Students must **submit their top three choices for the first lab rotation in ranked order no later than 5:00pm, Monday, August 30th**, to Kathy Oakley at oakley@chemistry.harvard.edu.

Attached is a rotation selection sheet. Please be aware that second and third rotation requests are made at a later date, approximately 2 weeks before the start of the next rotation. Respective due dates are listed below.

**DUE DATES:**
- First Lab Rotation: August 30
- Second Lab Rotation: September 21
- Third Lab Rotation: October 20

**PLEASE NOTE:**
- Lab Rotations are not assigned on a rolling basis. There is no particular advantage to submitting early requests.
- Students not ready to join a lab group after three rotations, may do additional rotations in the spring term with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies.

Students may rotate with faculty outside the Chemistry and Chemical Biology department during the third rotation. Anyone wishing to do a rotation in an outside department is encouraged to contact the outside faculty member directly to discuss the possibility of a rotation. All outside rotations must be pre-approved by the Director of Graduate Studies.