G-1 LAB ROTATION PROGRAM 2019

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 4, 2019, 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 9 – October 4
- Second Lab Rotation: October 7 – November 1
- Third Lab Rotation: November 4 – December 3

Students must submit their top three choices for the first lab rotation in ranked order no later than 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 3rd, to Kathy Oakley in the CCB Department Office, Mallinckrodt 132.

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: September 3
- Second Lab Rotation: September 24
- Third Lab Rotation: October 21

**PLEASE NOTE:**
- You may also email your Rotation selections to Kathy Oakley, Graduate Admissions and Recruiting Administrator, at: oakley@chemistry.harvard.edu.
- 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 4-week or 8-week rotations in the spring term with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies.

Once in a lab, each rotation student will be assigned a graduate student or postdoctoral mentor. Mentors are a valuable resource for rotation students, providing guidance and advice regarding lab practices and policies.

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.
**Rotation Selection Form 2019**

**NAME:** ________________________________

Please list three faculty members the groups you would like to join below (in order of preference).

**FIRST ROTATION** *(September 9 – October 4)*

1. _______________________________________

2. _______________________________________

3. _______________________________________

Please suggest your likely preferences for the second and third rotation below. *Please note:* preferences for the second and third rotation are not binding at this time.

**SECOND ROTATION** *(October 7 – November 1)*

1. _______________________________________

2. _______________________________________

3. _______________________________________

**THIRD ROTATION** *(November 4 – December 3)*

1. _______________________________________

2. _______________________________________

3. _______________________________________

This form is due no later than **12:00 pm** on Tuesday, **September 3, 2019**, to Kathy Oakley in the Department Office [Mallinckrodt 132] or you may email (your selections) to [oakley@chemistry.harvard.edu].

*I have signed the PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.*

Prior to working in a lab, all researchers at Harvard University are required to electronically sign the participation agreement at: [http://osp.finance.harvard.edu/participation-agreement](http://osp.finance.harvard.edu/participation-agreement)  
You will need to use your HUID and Harvard Key to log-in.