



Graduate School of  
Biomedical Sciences

### PH.D STUDENT LAB ROTATION APPROVAL FORM

The primary purpose of laboratory rotations is to identify an appropriate mentor for the thesis research phase of the Ph.D. This requires that both student and mentor are comfortable working together and can agree on an appropriate research project. It is also necessary that the mentor can provide support for the stipend and anticipated research expenses of the planned thesis research. Once a thesis mentor has been identified, lab rotations may also serve as a mechanism to obtain new techniques or provide other training to complement the proposed thesis research.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Track: \_\_\_\_\_

Lab Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Laboratory Start date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date qualifying exam taken or anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  1<sup>st</sup> Rotation  2<sup>nd</sup> Rotation  3<sup>rd</sup> Rotation  Other (with permission of Class Advisor)

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**Students are not precluded from lab rotations based on the funding status of the PI; however we require that the mentor indicate whether funds  are or  are not available to support the student in thesis research.\***

#### Signatures:

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lab Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Advisor : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*At the time thesis research commences, the mentor and department chair agree that as long as the student remains in good academic standing, the mentor and/or mentor's chair will support the student's stipend and fees as specified by the Graduate School.