

GRAD 5974 MCB Laboratory Rotations

Date: _____

Rotation (please check one):

- Rotation 1
- Rotation 2
- Rotation 3

Students are required to satisfactorily complete three research rotations during the first academic semester, in fulfillment of their Graduate Assistantship duties, and as part of the course GRAD 5974: MCB Laboratory Rotations. It is expected that students will spend approximately 20 hours per week on rotation activities (e.g. training, research, and readings).

At the end of each rotation the student will be required to present their research experience, which will be evaluated by program faculty. In addition, the MCB faculty member supervising the rotation student will be asked to evaluate the student's performance in their lab and submit the evaluation to the MCB program codirectors. Vice versa, students will evaluate the lab.

Service as a rotation supervisor does not commit that faculty member to ultimately serve as a thesis advisor for the student. However, since students will need to identify their thesis advisor from one of their rotations, we encourage faculty to be forthcoming with students regarding the possibilities of joining their research groups.

Once a thesis mentor is chosen following the end of the third rotation, the MCB student will join the department of the thesis mentor and follow that department's graduate student handbook, policies and curriculum.

For further questions, contact Dr. Shihoko Kojima (skojima@vt.edu) or Dr. Nisha Duggal (nduggal@vt.edu).

MCB Student

Rotation Supervisor
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