

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

APPENDIX 1: CMB Program Timeline

Student Name: _____ Mentor: _____

The following are benchmarks the student should use to record accomplishments according to their own experience. It should be used to facilitate discussion with committee members or thesis advisors about progress, and help them stay on track.

Benchmark	Target	Actual (Year & Date)
<i>Year 2/G1 (Pre-Candidate)</i>		
Present CMB seminar (CMB 850)**	Nov - Jan	
Search for GSI appointment for Year 3/G2	By March	
Attend MORE Mentorship Workshop**	Before May	
Create IDP** (Science Careers or MSTP IDP)	Before May	
Apply for Rackham Pre-Candidate Research Grant (before advancing to candidacy)	Before candidacy	
Prelim Passed & Candidacy approved by CMB Program Committee**	By May	
Dissertation Committee formed and approved by CMB Program Committee**	By July	
Attend Fall Retreat (Oct) & Present Poster at Spring Symposium (May)**	Oct/May	
Attend 4 CMB Dissertation Defenses**	Per AY	(Note Dates Below)
<i>Year 3/G2 (Candidate)</i>		
Update IDP**	Annually	
1st Dissertation Committee meeting.** <i>Present detailed thesis proposal</i> (set up 2-3 months ahead).	By Nov	
2nd Dissertation Committee Meeting**	By May	
Teaching Requirement (or Keep Looking for Year 4/G3)	Year 3/G2	
Attend Fall Retreat (Oct) & Present Poster at Spring Symposium (May)**	Oct/May	
Attend 4 CMB Dissertation Defenses**	Per AY	(Note Dates Below)

**Required for CMB Program

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<i>Year 4/G3 (Candidate)</i>		
Update IDP**	Annually	
Present research seminar (CMB 850)**	Year 4/G3	
2 Dissertation Committee Meetings Per Academic Year** (Record Dates Here)		
Attend Fall Retreat (Oct) & Present Poster at Spring Symposium (May)**	Oct/May	
Attend 4 CMB Dissertation Defenses**	Per AY	(Note Dates Below)

<i>Year 5/G4 or Later (Candidate)</i>		
Update IDP**	Annually	
2 Dissertation Committee Meetings Per Academic Year** (Record Dates Here)		
Attend Fall Retreat (Oct) & Present Poster at Spring Symposium (May)**	Oct/May	
Attend 4 CMB Dissertation Defenses**	Per AY	(Note Dates Below)

<i>Other Milestones Before Defense (No Specific Timeline)</i>		
Complete 4 CMB 630 Short Courses**	4 Times	(Enter Semesters Below)
Participate in a CMB committee (2 years – preferably consecutive in same committee)	Ideally 2 nd /G1–4 th /G2 years	
Apply for fellowship (see “Common Funding Opportunities” in handbook)	Apply 2 nd /G1 - 4 th /G3 Year	
Apply for Rackham Candidate Research Grant	Usually Year 3/G2 or 4/G3	
One first-author research publication submitted**	Before Defense	
Present at national meeting (oral or poster) (Apply for student travel funding)	Before Defense	
Write review article	Before Defense	
Additional research publications (Bring updated CV & Bibliography)	Before Defense	
Supervise other trainees in lab	Note dates	