

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	_____
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 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	_____
Start Looking/Applying for GSIs	Year 3/G2	_____
Attend 4 CMB Dissertation Defenses**	Per AY	(Note Dates Below)
<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)		

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APPENDIX 1: CMB Program Timeline (continued)

Attend 4 CMB Dissertation Defenses**	Per AY	(Note Dates Below)

Year 5/G4 or Later (Candidate)

Update IDP**	Annually	_____
2 Dissertation Committee Meetings Per Academic Year** (Record Dates Here)		
Attend 4 CMB Dissertation Defenses**	Per AY	(Note Dates Below)

Other Milestones Before Defense (No Specific Timeline)

Complete 4 CMB/HG 630 Short Courses**	4 Times	(Enter Semesters Below)
Teach one semester (as a GSI)** (Set up 2 semesters ahead of time, coordinate funding with CMB)	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	_____
Apply for Rackham Candidate Research Grant	Usually Year 3/G2 or 4/G3	_____
Additional research publications (Bring updated CV & Bibliography)	Before Defense	_____
Apply for fellowship (see “Common Funding Opportunities” in handbook)	Before Defense	_____
Supervise other trainees in lab	Note dates	_____
Participate in a CMB committee	2 years	_____

****Required for CMB Program**