

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

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<b>2 Dissertation Committee Meetings Per Academic Year**</b> (Record Dates Here)		
<b>Attend 4 CMB Dissertation Defenses**</b>	Per AY	(Note Dates Below)

### *Year 5/G4 or Later (Candidate)*

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

### *Other Milestones Before Defense (No Specific Timeline)*

<b>Complete 4 CMB 630 Short Courses**</b>	4 Times	(Enter Semesters Below)
<b>Participate in a CMB committee</b> (2 years – preferably consecutive in same committee)	Ideally in 2 <sup>nd</sup> /G1–4 <sup>th</sup> /G2 years	_____
Apply for fellowship (see “Common Funding Opportunities” in handbook)	Apply 2 <sup>nd</sup> /G1 - 4 <sup>th</sup> /G3 Year	_____
Apply for Rackham Candidate Research Grant	Usually Year 3/G2 or 4/G3	_____
<b>One first-author research publication submitted**</b>	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	_____

**\*\*Required for CMB Program**