## Microbiology and Immunology Department
### PhD Student Action Plan
#### Deadlines for Entering Class of 2019

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| Rotation 1: September 17 - November 9, 2019  
Rotation 2: January 6 - March 2, 2020  
Rotation 3: March 2 - April 24, 2020  
(1st and 2nd semesters of Year 1) | Laboratory rotations (3 different rotations, 4th rotation optional) |
| April 27 to May 11, 2020  
(1st year of study, end of 2nd Semester) | Select Research Advisor  
(subject to approval by Department Chair) |
| November 1, 2020  
(2nd year of study, 1st semester) | Submit title and specific aims of Dissertation Proposal. |
| December 1, 2020  
(2nd year of study, 1st semester) | Dissertation Committee formed. |
| December 11, 2020 – @ CTRB Rm. 601 – 1:00 PM  
(2nd year of study, 1st semester) | Meet with Curriculum Committee for instructions regarding Qualifying Exam |
| January 11, 2021  
(2nd year of study, 2nd semester) | Submit title and specific aims of Qualifying Exam Proposal  
(subject to approval by Curriculum Committee) |
| January 18, 2021 | Students informed of acceptability of their proposals. |
| March 5, 2021 | Qualifying Exam proposals must be submitted |
| March 8– April 16, 2021  
(Qualifying exams must be given to Qualifying Exam Committee at least 1 week prior to Oral Exam) | Qualifying Oral Exam must be completed. Students who have not passed Qualifying exams after 2 attempts must withdraw from Program. Students who have received a “Pass” for both written and oral will enter Ph.D. Candidacy after completing all coursework. |
| October 15, 2021  
(3rd year of study) | Dissertation research proposal submitted to Dissertation Committee for review |
| December 1, 2021  
(3rd year of study) | Final dissertation research proposal submitted to Department |
| Annually after admission to Ph.D. Candidacy | Presentation of seminar based on dissertation research to department; Dissertation Committee Meeting 1st seminar must be given in Fall semester of Year 3. |
| 2 Weeks Before Defense (oral exam) | Provide complete unbound copy of dissertation to Dissertation Committee members and written request to the Graduate School Dean. |

**Deadlines Published by Graduate School:**  
Student must deliver dissertation to Graduate School and complete degree application.