

Microbiology and Immunology Department

PhD Student Action Plan

Deadlines for Entering Class of 2018

Deadline	Action
August 20, 2018 – May 10, 2019 (1st year of study, 1st and 2nd semesters)	Laboratory rotations (up to 4 different rotations)
May 13, 2019 (1st year of study, end of 2nd Semester)	Select Research Advisor (subject to approval by Department Chair)
December 13, 2019 – @ CTRB Rm. 601 – 1:00 PM (2nd year of study, 1st semester)	Meet with Curriculum Committee for instructions regarding Qualifying Exam
December 13, 2019 (2nd year of study, 1st semester)	Submit title and specific aims of Dissertation Proposal. Dissertation Committee formed.
January 13, 2020 (2nd year of study, 2nd semester)	Submit title and specific aims of Qualifying Exam Proposal (subject to approval by Curriculum Committee)
January 20, 2020	Students informed of acceptability of their proposals.
March 6, 2020	Qualifying Exam proposals must be submitted
March 9 – April 17, 2020 (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.
December 1, 2020 (3rd year of study, fall term)	Dissertation Proposal submitted (8-10 pages).
Annually after admission to Ph.D. Candidacy	Annually after admission to Ph.D. Candidacy Presentation of seminar based on dissertation research to department; Dissertation Committee Meeting
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: http://louisville.edu/graduate/news/deadlines-for-submitting-thesis-dissertation	Student must deliver dissertation to Graduate School and complete degree application.