

# Microbiology and Immunology Department

## PhD Student Action Plan

### Deadlines for Entering Class of 2018

Deadline	Action
Rotation 1: September 17 - November 9, 2018 Rotation 2: January 7 - March 1, 2019 Rotation 3: March 4 - April 26, 2019 (1st and 2nd semesters of Year 1)	Laboratory rotations (3 different rotations, 4th rotation optional)
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 (3 <sup>rd</sup> year of study)	Dissertation Proposal submitted (8-10 pages).
Annually after admission to Ph.D. Candidacy	Presentation of seminar based on dissertation research to department; Dissertation Committee Meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> 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: <a href="http://louisville.edu/graduate/news/deadlines-for-submitting-thesis-dissertation">http://louisville.edu/graduate/news/deadlines-for-submitting-thesis-dissertation</a>	Student must deliver dissertation to Graduate School and complete degree application.