

Microbiology and Immunology Department
 PhD Student Action Plan
 Deadlines for Entering Class of 2016

| Deadline | Action |
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| August 22, 2016 – May 12, 2017 (1st year of study, 1st and 2nd semesters) | Laboratory rotations (up to 4 different rotations) |
| May 15, 2017 (1st year of study, end of 2nd Semester) | Select Research Advisor (subject to approval by Dept Chair) |
| December 15, 2017 - @ CTRB, Rm. 601 – 1:00 PM (2nd year of study, 1st semester) | Meet with Curriculum Committee for instructions regarding Qualifying Exam |
| December 15, 2017 (2nd year of study, 1st semester) | Submit title and specific aims of Dissertation Proposal. Dissertation Committee formed. |
| January 15, 2018 (2nd year of study, 2nd semester) | Submit title and specific aims of Qualifying Exam Proposal (subject to approval by Curriculum Committee) |
| January 22, 2018 | Students informed of acceptability of their proposals. |
| March 9, 2018 | Qualifying Exam proposals must be submitted |
| March 12-April 20, 2018 (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, 2018 (3rd year of study, fall term) | 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 |
| 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. |