

## Research Group Selection

It is important that new graduate students develop some familiarity with the research of at least several faculty working in areas of possible interest to the student to make an informed decision on joining a lab. The goals of the research, the techniques to be learned and the dynamics of interacting with both the advisor and the research group are all important considerations. To facilitate this level of familiarity, new graduate students are required to set up brief (~ 2-3 week) rotations in the laboratory of at least three research groups. These rotations consist of spending enough time with a research group that you gain some knowledge of the people, research techniques, and facilities associated with each group. Working in the lab alongside the professor or a graduate student is not required, though encouraged, with the faculty member's approval. Although a student may have a good idea of what division of chemistry (organic, analytical, physical, biochemistry, and inorganic) he/she wants to study, students may choose to investigate research in other divisions which are perhaps less familiar to them. Multiple discussions with potential mentors may be necessary for the student to make the most informed decision regarding group selection. Students should make these arrangements by contacting the faculty members directly.

Please secure the signature of each faculty member with which you did a laboratory rotation. Rank order your top three choices in order and turn this into the Graduate Program Director no later than the last day of classes of the fall semester. The GPD in consultation with the graduate faculty will match graduate students to labs as outlined in the Grad Requirements document.

Graduate Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I did rotations in the labs of \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

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Top three choices of research group (in order):

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

Matched Research Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Research Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Graduate Program Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_