

NUIN Rotation Advisor Agreement Form

Quarter:

Student:

Rotation Advisor:

NUIN's rotation system allows students to explore various areas of neuroscience and different research environments before committing to a single lab to conduct thesis research. Laboratory rotations give students an opportunity to learn which research questions excite them, what techniques they favor, what kind of lab environment they think best suits them, and what qualities they prefer in an advisor. At the same time, rotations provide faculty an important mechanism for evaluating students as candidates to join their lab. Information on laboratory rotations as well as the quarterly requirements can be found on the NUIN website: <http://www.nuin.northwestern.edu/program-and-curriculum/steps-to-the-phd/laboratory-rotations/>. Students will be balancing research rotations and coursework during their first year, so you should expect that they will be working in lab part-time (they will likely be spending ~20hrs/week on coursework).

Rotation Requirements and Deadlines

- **Student:** A scientific poster, report, or presentation is due by the Friday of final exam week. In the fall, students will prepare a scientific poster describing their research project (to be presented during recruitment season in January/February). For the early summer and winter rotations, students will write a 6-8 page report. For the spring rotation, students will deliver a research presentation. Posters, reports, and presentations should be reviewed by the rotation advisor and submitted to NUIN no later than the Friday of final exam week. *Students who fail to submit documents by the deadline will receive a No Pass for NUIN 590.
- **Rotation Advisor:** The rotation advisor will be asked to review the rotation poster, report, or talk and provide constructive feedback to the student. He/she will also be asked to complete an evaluation of the student's performance in the lab.
- **Students and rotation advisors** are encouraged to have an exit interview to go over the evaluation and discuss whether there is potential for the student to join the lab for his/her thesis work.

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of this rotation.

Rotation Advisor Signature:

Student Signature:

Submit signed form to the NU Box Folder