



2025 – 2026 BIOPHYSICS ROTATIONS AGREEMENT

INSTRUCTIONS

The rotation advisor should complete this form *together with the student* prior to the start of the rotation. The student must submit the completed agreement to biophysics@umd.edu (copying the rotation advisor) for approval from the BIPH Program Co-Directors by the rotation approval deadline.

2025 – 2026 ROTATION DATES

ROTATION	APPROVAL DEADLINE	DATES	BIPH699
1	August 29	September 8 – November 14	Fall Grade
2	November 7	November 17 – January 30	½ Spring Grade
3	January 16	February 2 – April 10	½ Spring Grade

Rotation presentations will be held at the end of each rotation period.

ROTATION EXPECTATIONS

Biophysics students complete three research rotations during their first academic year. While rotation advisors are not expected to provide financial support during these rotations, the aim is for students to pinpoint a Ph.D. advisor who can provide support beginning in the summer after their first year.

A student may opt for their third rotation to continue in the same lab of their second or first rotation, subject to approval from both the BIPH Program Co-Directors and the Lab PI. **If any two rotations take place in the same lab, it is expected that the PI will be the student's Ph.D. advisor and will support the student with an RA starting in the summer.**

It is expected that the student and faculty member meeting periodically (at least once every two weeks) throughout the rotation to discuss progress and expectations. Students are expected to spend about 10 hours per week in the rotation lab and give a presentation at the end of each rotation. The presentation will be scheduled by the BIPH Coordinator toward the end of each rotation.



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Student Name: _____ UID: _____

Rotation: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 Rotation Advisor: _____

Were laboratory guidelines/policies (e.g., biohazards, lab notebook) explained to the student? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has the student been provided with a reading list? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the student expected to attend lab meetings? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will the student be required to present **in a lab meeting** before the end of the rotation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

All students are required to present during the scheduled BIPH Rotation Presentations at the conclusion of each rotation.

Goals for this rotation:

If the rotation works out, will you be able to provide financial support for this student **beginning in Summer 2026**?

- ☐ **Yes** - If the rotation works out, I *will* be able to accept this student into my lab/group in the summer.
- ☐ **Very likely** – If the rotation works out, I will *very likely* be able to accept this student into my lab/group in the summer.
- ☐ **Possibly** – If the rotation works out, I will *possibly* be able to accept this student into my lab/group in the summer. I will know for sure by _____ (date).
- ☐ **No** – This student has another funding arrangement, so it was agreed that this student will do a rotation in my lab for the sole purpose of gaining research experience.

Rotation Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____