

2025 – 2026 CHEMICAL PHYSICS ROTATION AGREEMENT

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 chemphysics@umd.edu (copying the rotation advisor) for approval from the CHPH Program Director by the rotation approval deadline.

ROTATION EXPECTATIONS

Chemical Physics students complete two 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.

If a student joins the lab of – and secures a Research Assistantship with – the first rotation advisor, they may petition to opt out of their second rotation. In this case, it is expected that the PI will be the student's Ph.D. advisor and will support the student through the completion of their Ph.D.

Students who are already part of a research group upon entering the Chemical Physics program must complete their first rotation in their current lab and, if completed successfully, can petition to opt out of their second rotation.

It is expected that the student and faculty member meeting periodically (at least bi-weekly) 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 CHPH Coordinator toward the end of each rotation.

Student Name: _____ **UID:** _____

Rotation: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 **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

If so, when and where are these meetings held? _____

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 CHPH 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:** _____