

## ROTATION GUIDELINES

With over 170 professors in many different research areas, identifying three rotation labs can be an exciting, yet overwhelming process. To assist you with this process, we encourage you to arrange a time to meet with each professor to discuss your questions and obtain more information about their lab.

### **Appropriate questions to ask professors during a meeting would be the following:**

1. How many permanent positions are available in your lab?
2. Is the funding for these positions awarded (available now) or pending (waiting to hear)?
3. How many other students from CMB and additional training programs have you agreed upon to rotate in your lab?
4. When accepting students into your lab do you have a commitment to give priority to students from your home department?
5. What are the expectations of rotating students in your lab?
  - Hours: What is the expected minimum and maximum number of hours per week?  
Do students work every weekend, or weekends on an as needed basis?
  - Research productivity: Are students expected to accomplish a significant amount of experimental data during a rotation period?
6. Do most students in your lab complete their thesis in approximately 5 1/2 years?
7. How accessible will you be during the rotation period? (For example, Do students work directly with you (the major professor) or mainly with Postdocs? ; will you have significant responsibilities that will keep you out of the lab for a majority of the rotation period?)
8. Is student independence encouraged in the lab? If so, to what extent?
9. Prior to choosing my rotation labs may we discuss where I stand relative to other students for a rotation slot?

Other questions: