

**University of Florida
College of Medicine**

**Biomedical Sciences PhD Program
2023 Cohort**

**Q & A Session
Thursday, July 6, 2023**

Important Dates:

- ❖ Tuesday, August 15th
New Graduate Student/BMS Program Orientation
- ❖ Tuesday, August 16th
Graduate Assistantship Begins
- ❖ Monday, August 21st
Rotation 1 Begins
- ❖ Wednesday, August 23rd
Classes Begin

Admissions:

❖ Florida Residency Documentation

- Work with the admissions office if you declared Florida residency when you applied to ensure all documents have been received

❖ Official Degree Conferring Transcripts

- Electronic submission – use the following email address

te@admissions.ufl.edu

**** DO NOT EMAIL THEM TO AMY ****

- Mail submission:

University of Florida, Office of Admissions
201 Criser Hall, P. O. Box 11400
Gainesville, FL 32611-4000

Admissions:

❖ Immunization Forms

- Submit immunization forms via the new [Student Self-Service Portal](#)

❖ Health Insurance Waiver

- You are required to complete/submit a [health insurance waiver](#) EVERY year! The deadline for fall semester is September 2023 (specific date not posted yet)
- When you complete/submit the waiver in the [Student Self-Service Portal](#), you will indicate one of the following:
 - You have health insurance coverage (i.e. your parents, spouse, etc.); you will have to provide/submit proof of insurance coverage/plan
 - You are enrolled/will enroll in UF GatorGradCare for Graduate Assistants

Rotations:

❖ Find faculty here:

<http://bms.acceleration.net/HostedSites/BMS/Pages/SearchBMS.asp>

- Are the faculty recruiting for 23-24? Have the conversation before arranging the rotation.
- AI students choose from AI mentors: <https://researchaffairs.med.ufl.edu/research-training-2/ers-ai-program-mentors/>
- Not all AI mentors are affiliated with BMS.

❖ Rotation submission form:

<https://biomed.med.ufl.edu/students/first-year-students/first-year-rotation-submission/>

❖ Rotation requirements

<https://biomed.med.ufl.edu/students/first-year-students/>

- Research abstract and oral presentation

Mentor Selection/Fast Track:

- ❖ **Fast track = selecting a mentor prior to your 3rd rotation**
- ❖ **Following a significant research experience with mentor**
- ❖ **90 days after signing contract to form committee and meet**
- ❖ **Does not affect funding!**

Course Options for Fall:

- ❖ Clear registration holds
- ❖ Foundational: GMS 6001 Fundamentals of Biomedical Science
- ❖ Customized track: Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Neuroscience
- ❖ Mentoring Groups

Course Options for Spring:

- ❖ Should align with concentration of interest and potential mentor
- ❖ Good opportunity to meet course requirements
- ❖ Carefully consider how this affects 2nd year course requirements

What does the first year look like??

- **Time management – courses, lab rotations, seminars**
- **Communication**
- **We are here to help!**

Questions

Me the first year of my
PhD versus now:

