## **ADVISOR SELECTION FORM FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Student Name		Progra	Program Start Qtr/Year			
Area:	Biochemistry	☐ Inorganic	☐ Materials	Organic	☐ Physical	
Active Resea	rch Participat	ion or Rotation	n			
<ol> <li>Attending at</li> <li>A multi-week</li> <li>Interviews wi</li> </ol>	ation in at least three research groups is required before selecting a primary research advisor. Examples include: Attending at least three group meetings A multi-week lab rotation including collaboration on a project Interviews with the group members and PI Other forms of active exploration  Is will enroll in 2 units of CHEM 595 with the faculty member they are rotating with for the quarter of participation.  It is section is not required for continuing students who are switching groups.					
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First Rotation					Physical phy	
Faculty Membe	Name		Signature		Date	
Second Rotation	n					
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Third Rotation	Name		Signature		Dale	
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Note: If you have done a Fourth or Fifth Rotation, then please attach another sheet to this page.

Primary Advis			
selected a primary re	search advisor. The advisor	ipated in the research groups of the indicate approves of the selection and invites the striler than December 1st of the student's first	tudent to formally join their
Student:			
	Name	Signature	Date
Primary Advisor:			
	Name	Signature	Date
Co-Advisor:			
(If applicable)	Name	Signature	Date
Graduate Faculty Advisor:			

## **ADVISOR SELECTION FORM INFORMATION**

Complete this form and obtain all applicable signatures when selecting a primary research advisor for the first time or switching from one research group to another. Return the completed form to the Staff Graduate Advisor.

The choice of research advisor is one of the most important decisions made in graduate school. For this reason, students are strongly encouraged to take the time to consider this decision carefully in order to make the best choices for themselves. Student choices made too soon with inadequate information or from a feeling of obligation may negatively impact the student's graduate career. Thus, students should consider all options and make an informed decision that is mutually agreed upon by both student and research advisor.

In order to remain in good academic standing, students are required to formally join a research group by the end of their second quarter, but not sooner than December 1st of their first year. Participation in at least three research groups is required before selecting a primary research advisor. Examples include:

- 1. Attending at least three group meetings
- 2. A multi-week lab rotation including collaboration on a project
- 3. Interviews with the group members and PI
- 4. Other forms of active exploration

Students are encouraged to interview additional members of the faculty with whom they share research interests and participate in additional research group rotations if desired. Students are not obligated to make a commitment to a particular professor prior to their second quarter and prior to completion of the interview and rotation processes. This is true even in cases where a student has worked for and been paid by a particular professor during the preceding summer.

The choice of primary research advisor is not an absolute commitment. If the original choice is not ultimately the perfect match, students are permitted to switch groups. However, because this can cause a significant delay to a student's time to degree, this situation should be avoided when possible. Students intending to switch groups must complete this form, but are not required to complete additional rotations or interviews.