

GRADUATE PETITION TO SELECT PRIMARY RESEARCH ADVISOR

Name Area

Active Research Participation or Rotation

Participation in at least 3 research groups (examples of participation may include, [1] a minimum of 3 group meetings, [2] a multi-week lab rotation including collaboration on a project, OR [3] other forms of active exploration) is required before selecting a primary research advisor (PI). Students will enroll in 2 units of Chem 595 with Dr. Mattanjah de Vries for each rotation. This section is not required for continuing students wishing to switch groups.

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*Participation in a 4th or 5th group is optional

Primary Research Advisor Selection

The above-named student has actively participated in the research groups of each of the indicated faculty members and has selected a primary research advisor. The advisor approves of the selection and invites the student to formally join his/her research group.

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Type/Print Name of Primary Advisor (PI)	Signature	Date
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Type/Print Name of Primary Co-Advisor (PI) (If Applicable)	Signature	Date

Additional Required Approvals

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Type/Print Name of Area Advisor	Signature	Date

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Complete this form and obtain all applicable signatures when selecting a primary research advisor for the first time or when switching from one research group into another. Return completed form to the Staff Graduate Program Advisor in Building 232.

Exploring and Selecting a Research Group

- 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 3 research groups is required before selecting a primary research advisor. "Participation" may include one or more of the following: attendance at a minimum of 3 group meetings, a multi-week lab rotation with collaboration on a project, interviews with the group members and PI, or other forms of active exploration as agreed upon with the individual PI. Students are also encouraged to interview additional members of the faculty with whom they share research interests and to 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 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.
- 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 student's time to degree to be significantly delayed, this situation should be avoided when possible. Students intending to switch groups must complete the petition process, but are not required to complete additional rotations or interviews.